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President's Message

Dear Members:

In my last message I recognized the wonderful team who make IOS the highly regarded birding association that has so enriched the Illinois birding experience for all these years. IOS has sustained an enviable track record for over 15 years.

IOS was organized to fill the demand for a high-quality journal to record Illinois' birdlife. This issue of the *Meadowlark* has the report of 2005's CBCs just in time for you to check what was seen last year before some of the 2006 counts begin. The next issue will have the 2006 SBCs just in time for the May 2007 spring counts. The count reports, the seasonal Field Notes and the articles on the Illinois birding scene are what we all look forward to in each issue of the Meadowlark.

The *Meadowlark, Wings Over The Prairie* and the local bird clubs' monthly newsletters no longer serve as the primary source of birding information for many of us. IBET serves that function with its same day immediacy that no paper publication can match. What I find encouraging is the way in which the bird chat rooms like IBET encourage questions and debate about our birds, their identification, habits and occurrence in a forum in which we can all follow along and increase our own knowledge. I also find it gratifying that more and more IBET posters are citing the Meadowlark to inform the debate.

The *Meadowlark* also publishes the IORC Reports, the deliberations of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee. This committee of expert, knowledgeable birders has what in many ways is a thankless task. Their job is to evaluate the documentation of rare bird sightings in Illinois and decide whether there is sufficient evidence to accept the sighting. I say that their task is thankless as for all the happy birders whose sightings are accepted, there are the sightings that are not accepted. These rejections have been known to generate some unhappiness.

Be that as it may be, IORC performs a valuable service in maintaining the official Illinois list. I for one look forward to their annual reports of rare and new to Illinois birds, and applaud their work in providing a credible record of the occurrence of species in Illinois. What would the serious lister do without IORC as the arbiter of rare bird sightings in Illinois?

Our thanks to the dedicated members of IORC: currently Doug Stotz, Dave Johnson, Bob Hughes, Dan Kassebaum, Keith McMullen, Paul Sweet and Mike Ward.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

The gift of bird song

It starts with a slightly long, clear tone, then is followed by a series of higher, faster pitches, sometimes major, sometimes minor thirds repeated once or twice, some higher pitched than others – to my ears at least.

It's the song of the Hermit Thrush, which belongs to a family of some of the most beautiful songsters in the world.

Indeed, in Costa Rica and in Mexico, thrushes fill the forest with songs. Nightingale-thrushes, which are in the same genus as Gray-cheeked, Swainson's and Hermit Thrush, sing hauntingly beautiful melodies. And I've heard the Black-faced Solitaire in Costa Rica give its mellifluous series of several notes, sometimes followed by two notes at once, like I learned to play on the flute when I became more proficient on this instrument.

I've also heard the Townsend's Solitaire, a western species, which occasionally visits northern Illinois in winter. This species sang for my sister and me when we went to see it one year at Lyons Woods in Lake County.

I've only heard the Hermit Thrush sing in upper Michigan, echoing in pine woods and boggy woods, luring me into another dimension. But lucky Paul Clyne has heard the Hermit Thrush sing right here in Illinois. He writes about this wonderful surprise in this issue of Meadowlark – a little gift only for him.

Why and when birds sing is always fascinating to me – some sing during migration, some only when on their breeding grounds, and others even in fall and winter. White-throated Sparrows sang in my back yard all fall and now mostly are gone, taking their songs with them. If I'm lucky, on a Christmas Bird Count, I will hear the boisterous "Tea-kettle" of the Carolina Wren and the varied notes of the Song Sparrow. And come late winter, the American Tree Sparrow will offer its tinkling, love song before heading north.

This winter, listen for bird song and perhaps when the Hermit Thrushes come through in early spring, you may even hear one sing in Illinois, as Paul Clyne did.

Sheryl DeVore

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The love song of *Catharus guttatus:* Hermit Thrushes singing in Illinois

by Paul R. Clyne

"For I have known them all already,
known them all:—
Have known the evenings, mornings,
afternoons,
I have measured out my life with
coffee spoons;
I know the voices dying with a dying fall
Beneath the music from a farther room.
So how should I presume?"

—T. S. Eliot (1915),
The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock

I was not actually engaged in existential quandaries when I stepped outside under the bleak winter skies of 14 December 2005. Actually, I was going grocery shopping, picking up some sundries for house guests who'd arrived that day. Yet a few steps outside my front door I was compelled to pause, as I was faintly hearing unknown music from a distant quarter. My first guess was a newly acquired antique music box, playing from behind closed windows of some farther room of a neighbor's flat. That, or maybe wind-chimes from a back yard — also unknown music in the familiar terrain of my front doorstep.

My next guess was perhaps a bird's song emanating from the rear courtyard of our block of buildings. Not, after all, a song I knew, but the distance was great and the audibility was weak: Some faint, tinkling, enchanting tones, so enchanting that I paused a bit more, scanning the roofs and few visible treetops. No birds, and in any event I was under pressure to get on with errands.

Five steps closer to the grocery store I found the music's source just fifteen feet to my left: A Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) was whispering a song from a leafless bush in the tiny front yard of my neighbor's row-house. So ventriloqual and modest was its song that I'd supposed it had come from quite some distance, yet the bird was so close as to be clearly identifiable to the naked eye. Its rusty tail and rump contrasted with its plain brown back. It obliged me once or twice with its characteristic tail pump. Eventually, it also uttered its distinctive chup-note a few times, interspersed within its subdued song. Eventually, I reached the supermarket.

Above: Hermit Thrush at Kettle Moraine State Forest, South Unit (Walworth County) Wisconsin. 17 October 2004. Photo by Mary Kay Rubey.

Groceries and errands consumed the better part of an hour, but on returning home at 3:40 in the afternoon, the Hermit Thrush was still engaged in subtle song. I dragged my binoculars and house guests outside to partake of this rare encounter. The guests remained polite for a moment or two before returning indoors. It was, after all, right about freezing, with scant snow flurries.

Several authors have remarked on how unusual it is to hear Hermit Thrushes singing outside their breeding grounds. Arthur Cleve-

land Bent, in his classic series on the life histories of North Ameriean birds, notes (p. 143) that neither Alexander Wilson nor John James Audubon—the two most venerated founders of American ornithology—was familiar with this bird's song. Bent himself grew up in central Illinois but never knew the song until he moved to Maine. However, Bent also includes (p. 159) accounts of Hermit Thrushes singing in winter, especially on arrival at, and just before departure from, their wintering grounds in the pine forests of central Alabama and on the "peninsula of Missouri." He continues, "Many other observers have had similar experiences, of hearing the full song of the hermit in their winter haunts...," and he bluntly adds, "...this bird does not sing during its migration journey."

Hermit Thrush, Severson Dells Forest Preserve, Rockford, Winnebago County. 15 October 2005. Photo by Mary Kay Rubey.

The Jones and Donovan fascicle on this species in the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences series on North American birds notes (p. 9), "Generally does not sing on wintering grounds, though exceptions exist (Bent 1949, Stupka 1963, Potter et al. 1980, W. Gram pers. comm.)," and "...rarely sings during migration (Todd 1940, Bent 1949)." The datedness of the references is striking in this recent, comprehensive overview of the species. A Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Web page on Hermit Thrush remarks that the song is "...heard rarely in winter and not at all during migration...."

Within Illinois, there are few published records of Hermit Thrushes singing at any time of year. Ridgway's founding monograph on Illinois birds back in 1889 includes a second-hand description of the song (from Dr. Thomas M. Brewer of Boston), and I don't suppose Ridgway—who was, as he put it (p. 3) "autoptically familiar only with the bird-fauna of the southeastern portion of the State"—knew the song in life. A century later, Bohlen's monograph notes only that the Hermit Thrush "rarely sings its beautiful flutelike song in Illinois." Robinson's (1996) study of southern Illinois birds remarks, under spring data, that "Sometimes, on cool, clear mornings, Hermit Thrushes will sing, but it is uncommon."

In their thorough monograph on the thrushes of Illinois, Graber, Graber and Kirk remark (p. 18), "We have never heard a hermit thrush sing in Illinois, though they do sing occasionally in the northern region of the state (Farwell 1919, and Craigmile 1945)." Farwell's encounter was in Lake Forest (Lake County) on 17 Apr 1912, when he was awakened at 5 a.m. by a song that "could not have been anything but the Hermit at so early a date." He adds, "I have not heard of its singing during migration in this locality before, neither had Mr. B. T. Gault, of Glen Ellyn, to whom I wrote." The Craigmile reference is to an Illinois Audubon Bulletin mention of a Hermit Thrush singing at Thatcher Woods in Cook County on 15 Apr 1944: "The rarest treat of the morning was the flute-like song of the hermit thrush on Edgewood lawns. He gave two encores. It seldom sings in migration...." These two citations are, in fact, the only previously published concrete records, including date and site, of singing Hermit Thrushes that I've found for anywhere in the state.

In Jackson Park, Chicago, where I've done most of my birding, and where Hermit Thrushes attain some of their highest published numbers for anywhere in Illinois during migration, I have only one previous record of a singing Hermit Thrush. This was an individual that I saw issuing complete songs at full volume on Wooded Island on 11 Apr 1995.

On 15 Dec 2005, I posted a solicitation for further information on this topic to the ILbirds Web site, and in March of 2006 I sent direct inquiries to several key, long-term Illinois birders. The feedback I received increased the number of concrete records from four to 25, along with several undated records, but only increased the number of birders with datable records from three to eight. Fifteen of the 25 concrete records are from a single observer in a single county; viz., H. David Bohlen in Sangamon County. Two additional modern observers provided undated recollections of hearing Hermit Thrushes sing in Illinois, and I assume that Robinson's remarks above reflect, at least in part, personal experience.

The six available fall dates are all somewhat to very late (11 Nov - 14 Dec) in the season for apparent migrants and are consistent with the claim that Hermit Thrushes are prone to sing on arrival at their wintering grounds. In addition, Dale E. Birkenholz (pers. comm.) noted hearing Hermit Thrushes on several occasions over the years while deer-hunting in southern Pope County in mid-November; the songs were issued in early evening under warm, clear weather.

The nineteen spring dates (15 Mar - 22 Apr, averaging 9 Apr) are clustered prior to peak passages of spring migrants. In most cases it is

impossible to say whether the individual birds were spring migrants as opposed to wintering residents (perhaps, in some cases, wandering a bit from their wintering turf prior to migration), although the three dates from Kankakee in 2006 suggest wintering, as they were all noted from a patch of honeysuckle where the species was also found in January of that year (Jed B. Hertz, pers. comm.). A high count of two singing Hermit Thrushes comes from Lincoln Gardens in Springfield on 15 Mar 2006.

The Illinois data thus seem consistent with, albeit not directly supportive of, statements in Bent and elsewhere that Hermit Thrushes do not sing on migration.

Below are the concrete Illinois records of singing Hermit Thrushes that have come to my attention:

Date	Site	Observer	Source
15 Mar 2006	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	pers. comm.
20 Mar 2000	Jackson Co (Pomona)	KAM	pers. comm.
29 Mar 1998	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
4 Apr 2003	Sangamon Co (Washington Park, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
4 Apr 2006	Kankakee Co (Kankakee)	JBH	pers. comm.
6 Apr 2006	Kankakee Co (Kankakee)	JBH	pers. comm.
9 Apr 1989	Sangamon Co	HDB	Bohlen MS
9 Apr 2006	Kankakee Co (Kankakee)	JBH	pers. comm.
10 Apr 1998	Sangamon Co (Lick Creek)	HDB	Bohlen MS
11 Apr 1998	Vermilion Co	CBT	pers. comm.
11 Apr 1995	Cook Co (Jackson Park, Chicago)	PRC	pers. obs.
14 Apr 1976	Sangamon Co	HDB	Bohlen MS
14 Apr 1998	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
15 Apr 1944	Cook Co (Thatcher Woods)	EAC	Craigmile 1945
15 Apr 1980	Sangamon Co	HDB	Bohlen MS
15 Apr 1980	Sangamon Co (Boy Scout area)	HDB	Bohlen MS
15 Apr 1998	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
17 Apr 1912	Lake Co (Lake Forest)	EDF	Farwell 1919
22 Apr 2001	Sangamon Co (Round Inlet, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
11 Nov 2003	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
26 Nov 2004	Lake County (Lyons Woods)	KL	pers. comm.
27 Nov 2003	Sangamon Co (Woods by Lake Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
2 Dec 1997	Sangamon Co (Round Inlet, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
9 Dec 1997	Sangamon Co (Lincoln Gardens, Spfld)	HDB	Bohlen MS
14 Dec 2005	Cook Co (Hyde Park, Chicago)	PRC	pers. obs.

Abbreviations: HDB = H. David Bohlen, EAC = Esther A. Craigmile, PRC = Paul R. Clyne, EDF = E. D. Farwell, JBH = Jed B. Hertz, KL = Karen Lund, KAM = Keith A. McMullen, CBT = Craig B. Thayer. Spfld = Springfield. MS = unpublished manuscript.

In addition to undated records above (Robinson, Birkenholz), Keith A. McMullen recalls at least one additional encounter in southern Illinois, after the spring arrival of Swainson's Thrushes, and Steven D. Bailey communicated, "I think that I have heard Hermit Thrushes in song no more than two or three times in my life in Illinois...."

My many thanks to the following observers for comments, including informing me of lack of encounters with singing Hermit Thrushes in Illinois: Steven D. Bailey, Dale E. Birkenholz, H. David Bohlen, Joel Greenberg, Jed B. Hertz, Robert D. Hughes, Dan M. Kassebaum, Karen Lund, Keith A. McMullen, Michael L. P. Retter, Kevin B. Richmond, Douglas F. Stotz, Craig B. Thayer, and Eric W. Walters. Joel Greenberg supplied me with the passage from Farwell 1919, for which I am most grateful. I also thank my neighbors, James E. Miller, Jr., and Kathleen Farley, for hosting the impetus for this study in their front yard; curiously, the preceding year they had asked me to comment on references to thrushes in lectures by T. S. Eliot in preparation for Miller's 2005 T. S. Eliot: The Making of an American Poet, 1888-1922, and a part of our correspondence included the anomaly of Hermit Thrushes singing away from their breeding grounds.

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Juvenile Hermit Thrush in Chicago

By Geoffrey Williamson

On 9 October 2005 I was birding at the Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Chicago's Lincoln Park, when a Catharus thrush landed about 15 feet away from me on the mulch path outside the fenced sanctuary. The bird was relatively tame and did not fly as I raised my binoculars to study it. The most striking features of the bird were the numerous feathers on the head and back that had buff spots. I also noted the reddish tail and uppertail coverts that contrasted with the gray-brown coloration of the remainder of the bird's upperparts. Clearly this bird was a Hermit Thrush (Catharus guttatus). The fact that the bird raised then slowly lowered its tail several times further supported this identification. I presumed at the time that the buff spots in the head and back feathers meant that this bird was a juvenile, which was confirmed by information in Pyle et al. (1987) and in Jones and Donovan (1996).

Juvenile Hermit Thrush observed in Chicago's Lincoln Park, 9 October 2005. Note the extensive spotting on the head and back and also the wing coverts. Photo by Geoffrey A. Williamson

Though I had seen countless Hermit Thrushes in Illinois, this was the first time I had seen a juvenile of the species, and I recognized this occurrence as rather unusual for Illinois. I endeavored to photograph the bird using my digital camera hand-held to my binoculars. Several of the resulting images, though blurry, enabled one to identify the bird as a Hermit Thrush and showed the extensive amount of buff spotting in the feathers.

Though the southern edge of their breeding range reaches the middle latitudes of Wisconsin, Hermit Thrushes have never bred in Illinois (IORC, 1999). During the Illinois Breeding Bird Atlas project from 1986 to 1991, not one Hermit Thrush was observed (Kleen, Cordle, and Montgomery, 2004), and no occurrences of Hermit Thrush are included in the summer seasonal reports of Meadowlark vol. 1–14. Therefore this bird was likely a migrant from outside Illinois.

In Hermit Thrushes, the first prebasic molt occurs from early July to early September and can be complete from August onward (Jones and Donovan, 1996), and fall birds arrive in Illinois no earlier than mid-August. Thus, juvenile-plumaged Hermit Thrushes are quite rare in Illinois, with most young birds that reach the state in fall having already attained first basic plumage. Robert Hughes has noted that in 25 years of birding in Chicago, he has never seen a juvenile Hermit Thrush (pers. comm.). H. David Bohlen commented that during many years of observation in central Illinois, he has never seen a Hermit Thrush with retained juvenal feathering on the head or back (pers. comm.). Among 20 hatching year specimens of Hermit Thrushes in the Illinois State Museum collection, only three have a few light spots on the coverts and none have spots on the head or back (H. David Bohlen, pers. comm.). I examined Hermit Thrush skins in the Field Museum of Natural History's collection: none of the 207 specimens collected during August through November in Illinois showed spotting in the head or back. Of these, at least 152 were noted as having less than 80% skull ossification and were likely immatures.

Adult female (bottom) and juvenile Hermit Thrush collected 29 July 1963 in Cheboygan, Michigan, from the holdings of the Field Museum of Natural History. Photo by Geoffrey A. Williamson

However, on 11 October 2005, just two days subsequent to my observation of the Lincoln Park bird, Paul Clyne noted two individual Hermit Thrushes on Wooded Island in Jackson Park, Chicago with varying amounts of retained juvenal plumage. One bird showed four to six long buff tips to the scapulars on either side as well as gray-buff spotting on the head (about 10 such spots on the right side of the head behind the auriculars through the nape; the left side of the head was not observed). The other showed at least nine long buff tips on the scapular and upper back feathers on the left side (the bird's right side was not seen, and views of the head were poor). Both birds were somewhat more advanced in plumage than the Lincoln Park bird but were strikingly juvenal nonetheless.

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Memory Lane

The Chicago Ross's Gull of 1978

By Carolyn A. Marsh

When I was writing an article on Jackson Park birder, Dale Pontius, to celebrate his 100th birthday, I read in one of his bird notebooks: "Dec. 2, 1978, 7:00-1:00, North Avenue Beach. Watch for Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) with Doug Anderson." I wondered if it was instead a Ross's Goose or the Ivory Gull.

However, back then, according to Chicago Area Birds published in 1984 by Steven Mlodinow, the Ross's Goose was listed as a very rare vagrant and there was no record of it yet in Chicago. The Ivory Gull was considered hypothetical. The Ross's Gull was also marked a very rare vagrant, except there was a first record. These are the recollections of seven birders about the legendary bird and event in Chicago birding history.

Andy Sigler

I was birding at Gillson Harbor in Wilmette when I saw this small gull sitting in the lake. It was gray above and below on the wings with a white trailing edge. It didn't have much of a bill; it looked dinky because the dark feathering around the bill obscures it and makes it look tiny. The breast was pinkish. I asked a guy that was also bird watching, if he had a bird book. He did and lucky for me it was the Golden Field Guide as it was the only bird guide at the time that had the Ross's Gull in it. I didn't have a car then so once I realized it was the Ross's I ran all the way to the Baha'i Temple, up all of the stairs to find a public phone, but there was none. I then ran to the phone booth in the train station and called Larry Balch. He came and we spent hours in the harbor searching for the bird, but it never showed up again.

> Larry pulled a U-turn in the middle of Lakeshore Drive at Division, in a blizzard, with a traffic cop furiously blowing his whistle at us.

You have to remember the bird previously was considered totally a Siberian gull. Birders would go to Gambell, Saint Lawrence Island or Alaska to see Ivory and Ross's Gulls migrating through. It was found nesting in small colonies in the Canadian Arctic and near Churchill, Manitoba in the early 1980s. I don't know what its status is today.

What's endearing about this sighting was that Larry and I had discussed this exact species just months before. I had mentioned to him that when I was living in New Jersey, I watched the evening news on television about a Ross's Gull found in Massachusetts. Larry declared that it was him on national television!

Larry Balch

This was not a life bird for me. A couple of years earlier I took a day off from teaching math and flew to see the Ross's Gull that was reported in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Thousands of birders were looking for it up and down the East Coast as it was the first North American sighting.

When I arrived, the group of birders already present did not see it at the usual place so I moved away to look for it by myself.

Miraculously, I did relocate it and had to go back to tell the group when I saw a NBC camera crew and called out, "The bird is over here." After I returned to Chicago I was very surprised to see myself in the lead story on NBC national news at 5:30 p.m. talking about the Ross's Gull.

About the Wilmette Ross's Gull, needless to say, I was skeptical, but despite my skepticism I went to Gillson Harbor and met Andy Sigler. After he described the bird, I then realized it could be the bird. However, it was not seen again for ten days, until Nov. 29, when I continued to check the Lake Michigan shoreline and accidentally ran into Lucy Gemlo and Walter Hopkins at Fullerton Street Beach. They described a bird that sounded to me like it could be the Ross's Gull.

The next day, along with Richard Biss, Dave Bohlen, David Johnson and Gerry Rosenband, I finally saw the bird in flight at North Avenue Beach; it was easy to pick out.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, there were at least 100 birders lined up on the beach, but no bird. The New York Times was there and interviewed Andy. A picture showing the line of birders on the beach was on the front page of the Sunday, Dec. 3, 1978 paper.

H. David Bohlen

I must have heard about the sighting of the small gull with pink underparts from Larry Balch. We were in contact those days about rarities. I tried to get someone to go to Chicago with me – but no one would go. I myself was indecisive. I awoke about midnight and thought "What else besides a Ross's Gull would have pink on it?" (Years later I actually saw a couple of Bonaparte's Gulls with pink blush.) So I jumped into my car and drove 3 1/2 hours to North Beach.

I remember it was still dark when I got there. And cold. As it got light I was standing on a park bench jumping up and down to keep warm. A Chicago cop stopped and inquired what I was doing – then joked about it when I told him. Richard Biss showed up and some others including Gerry Rosenband and said the gull had been seen out on a sand spit. We made the short walk out there. A few Bonaparte's Gulls were working low along the shore. Then the Ross's Gull flew in and joined them. It was very close and we could see the peaked head, the wedge tail and dark area around the eye. It was slightly pink also but the vividness of this changed with the light angles. After we watched it intently for quite awhile and Biss took several photos – the bird flew. We tried to follow it – but I think we lost it.

I finally saw the bird in flight at North Avenue Beach; it was easy to pick out.

The main credit for finding and identifying the bird should go to Andy Sigler. I just lucked out going up to look when I did.

Richard Biss

I remember taking the photos through a regular camera attached to the back of my Questar. The field of view was very small, it was very dark in the viewfinder, and the bird was far away, so I was pretty sure that nothing would come out. I was totally amazed when I had the film developed that there was anything identifiable in the photos. These days with people's digital cameras they can instantly see the results of their efforts without having to wait to have film developed, and also without having to worry about whether they had their f-stops set correctly for the light conditions.

Dave Johnson had someone print out some T-shirts. We had two different types made up. One of them says Bird Chicago in print on the front, and Ross' Gull, 78 on the back. Another T-shirt has Bird Chicago in writing on the front, and Ross' Gull, 78 on the back, with a drawing of a pink breasted Ross's Gull. I still have them, but they have shrunk with the multiple washings, and now my daughter wears them sometimes. (Note that Ross's Gull was spelled Ross' Gull in 1978).

That was the same year I did an Illinois big year, ending up with 307 species. I know it was a lifer for me and most other birders that were there at the time, and we were all very excited.

Greg Neise

I was working at the Chicago Academy of Sciences that day, and Dr. William Beecher was called about the bird. He grabbed me and we walked over to North Avenue beach. There were already a number of birders strung out from Fullerton to North Avenue when we arrived. There was a northeast wind raising a good 3-foot chop on the lake, and hundreds of gulls, mostly Bonaparte's, were feeding in the algae that were being churned by the breakers.

We stood with others near the beach-house, but wandered north about 150 yards. I could see clutches of birders at Fullerton and North Avenue, all picking through the Bonies that were being tossed around like confetti by the increasing gales (remember that this was the day the great blizzard of '78 began). Beecher and I started ambling back toward the main group. As we got closer it became apparent that they had the bird, and as I ran up it was pointed out to me as a dot on the horizon headed out past Navy Pier.

At this point I was standing next to Larry Balch who grabbed his Questar and took off in pursuit. I'm not sure how, but I wound up in the front seat of his then-famous white Volvo wagon. He and Gerry Rosenband had "cop radios" that they used on Attu Island in Alaska, and I believe that Gerry was some-

place north of us, talking to Larry on the radio. Gerry said something, and Larry pulled a U-turn in the middle of Lakeshore Drive at Division, in a blizzard, with a traffic cop furiously blowing his whistle at us. We raced back north.... I never saw the bird...at least not a bird that I will count as a Ross's Gull.

Tom de Boor

I was one of the many birders who came down from Wisconsin the day after the last sighting. I heard about the bird from a friend, the great Wisconsin birder Randy Hoffman, who offered me a ride down to look for it. I was too young to drive yet. I remember calling the Chicago hotline a lot both before and after we went down. Got my life Brant and life Harlequin Duck that day, but was pretty much inconsolable. I was a kid and I'd read all the stories about the Newburyport bird that Roger Tory Peterson chased.

Eric Walters

I had just started birding and was 15 at the time, not old enough for me and my friends to drive, but incredibly excited about what was so tantalizingly near us. I do remember listening about the Ross's Gull on the hotline, the precursor to what IBET is now. Larry Balch founded the Chicago Rare Bird Alert and he was able to talk about the incredibly rare bird as nobody knew anything about them.

A group of birders enjoy views of the Ross's Gull at North Avenue Beach, Chicago, 2 December 1978. Pictured from left to right, Gerry Rosenband, Tom Pucelik, Penny Pucelik, Larry Balch, Richard Biss, Barbara Hickey (Balch), and second from right, Jeff Sanders. Photo by Dale Pontius.

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Editor's Note: Ross's Gull is considered a species at risk by the Canadian government. Officials are working on a recovery strategy for this species, which should be completed in 2009. This species is a victim of predation by polar bears as well as collection of eggs by humans. A black market exists for the eggs.

For more information on this species in Canada, visit this Web site:
http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/search/speciesDetails_e.cfm?SpeciesID=59

Bald Eagles in winter

Photos by Mary Kay Rubey

Except for Alaska, Illinois holds the largest concentration of Bald Eagles during winter in the United States. Staff photographer Mary Kay Rubey visited the Rock River area in Winnebago County the winter season of 2005/2006 to photograph the eagles you see on these pages.

In 2007, the Starved Rock chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society, the Illinois Raptor Center and the Army Corps of Engineers host the annual free Bald Eagle weekend Jan. 27 and 28 at the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center on Dee Bennett Road across the Illinois River from Starved Rock State Park. Exhibits and raptor programs will be at the Starved Rock Lodge.

For more information, call (815) 667-4054.

Winter birds of Illinois

While winter may seem a dreary time, for birders, it can be exciting and rewarding.

Birds like Harlequin Ducks and Northern Shrikes make their appearance in Illinois in the winter, with shrikes hanging around until March and an occasional Harlequin lingering through winter.

Though most Tundra Swans migrate through Illinois, a few, even in small flocks, remain in some places such as Lake Chautauqua in the winter as well.

Featured on this page,

Tundra Swan, 8 January 2006 on the Rock River in Blackhawk Park, Rockford (Winnebago County) by Mary Kay Rubey.

Northern Shrike,with vole winter 2006 at Rollins Savanna (Lake County) by Matt Fletcher.

Harlequin Duck, 26 January 2006 at Lake Decatur (Macon County) by Chris Young.

The 2005/2006 Illinois Christmas Bird Count

by David B. Johnson

Eastern Bluebirds at Rock Cut State Park, Rockford, Winnebago County. 25 December 2005. Photo by Eric Walters.

Weather wise, the 2005/2006 Illinois Christmas Bird Count practically mirrored the previous season (2004/2005). Cold and snowfall came very early to the state (around Thanksgiving time), pushing many waterbirds out of the state due to the many frozen bodies of water. The average low temperature was 23 degrees Fahrenheit and the average high temperature was 33 degrees Fahrenheit. The average snow depth was one to 2.5 inches statewide.

A total of 162 species were reported from 64 counts. Also reported were two forms ("Harlan's" Red-tailed Hawk, and "Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco), and one unrecognized form (Ringed Turtle-Dove), as well as four count week species.

Where there was open water, waterfowl were observed in good and often record numbers. Amazing numbers of some geese, waterfowl, herons, wrens, thrushes, and sparrows were tallied on many counts.

Observers covered 21,895 miles in 3,608 party hours, plus spent 183 hours and 1,381 miles owling statewide. Rockford logged 8 hours and 12 miles by ATVs and cross-country skiis.

Three southern Illinois counts surpassed the century mark of 100 species: Arklands (103), Mermet Lake (109), and Rend Lake (101). The highest species total for a central Illinois count came from Crane Lake – Sangamon (92) with Springfield a close second (90), and the highest northern Illinois count was Lisle Arboretum (80). Fermilab-Batavia reported the highest number of field observers (101), and Waukegan had the highest number of feeder watchers (76). Table 1 lists the counts, their compilers and other pertinent count circle data. Map 1 shows the count circle locations. The remaining tables show the count species broken down into North, Central, and South regions of the state.

High Counts

Sixteen all-time state high counts were set for an individual species total recorded within a count circle. Union noted 27 Trumpeter Swans. There was an amazing mix of geese high counts: Arklands noted 15,266 Greater White-fronted, 99,080 Snow, and 200 Ross's Geese. Rend Lake tallied 6,755 Common Goldeneye and 903 Hooded Mergansers. 28 Cooper's Hawks at Fermilab-Batavia and Lisle Arboretum reflect this species' population expansion. Arklands noted an impressive 10,023 American Coot. 2,142 Mourning Doves were at Thorn Creek. Calumet-Sand Ridge noted 201 Monk Parakeets. A remarkable 17 Eastern Phoebes, 72 Ruby-cowned Kinglets, 350 Eastern Bluebirds and 126 Hermit Thrush were at Horseshoe Lake. Three very tardy Gray Catbirds were at Fermilab-Batavia. Finally, Arklands tallied a remarkable 38 Pine Warblers.

The top 10 species with the most number of individuals (in order of abundance) were Common Grackle (1,048,601), blackbird sp. (659,766), Red-winged Blackbird (401, 612), Snow Goose (268,718), European Starling (244,525), Canada Goose (195,960), Mallard (183,301), American Crow (165,235), Ring-billed Gull (65,442), and House Sparrow (37,774). Close behind (11th spot) were Greater White-fronted Goose (35,716) and (12th spot) American Robin (32,330).

Geese through vultures

Greater White-fronted (35,716 in 21 circles), Snow (268,718 in 30 circles) and Ross's (254 in 8 circles) Geese were detected in outstanding numbers this season –mostly in southern Illinois. Trumpeter Swans (54 in 8 circles) are being noted with increasing frequency particularly along the Mississippi River Valley. Tundra Swans (19 in 7 circles) were barely detected this season. New to the state's CBC list was a Mottled Duck at Springfield (present as a count week bird last 2004/2005 CBC season). Crane Lake (1), Mermet (1) and Pere Marquette (1) recorded the only Blue-winged Teal.

Bald Eagle numbers continue to soar for the Illinois Christmas Bird Count. This photo was taken in March 2006 along the Mississippi River by Emil Martinec.

Northern Pintail (6,080 in 29 circles) were mentioned by several compilers as being in high count numbers. There was a good sprinkling of Canvasback (925 in 30 circles) and Redhead (297 in 19 circles) throughout the state though in small numbers. Decatur recorded a Harlequin Duck – always rare inland. The only scoter noted was a Black at Clinton Lake. A few Long-tailed Ducks (17 in 5 circles) were sprinkled around the state with 3 at Rend Lake and one at Union being rather far south. Hooded Mergansers (1,871 in 34 circles) were reported in good numbers. Ring-necked Pheasants (414 in 34 circles) and Northern Bobwhite (379 in 26 circles) were noted as being in low numbers whereas Wild Turkeys (1,726 in 47 circles) are being detected in often remarkable numbers. Rend Lake noted the only Common Loon and Eared Grebe. Davenport (1), Carlyle Lake (7), and Pere Marquette (153) detected the only American White Pelicans. Great Blue Herons (1,283 in 55 circles) were ubiquitous and often in high counts whereas Black-crown Night-Herons (22 in 3 circles) were confined to Chicago's canal zones. Meredosia Island (1) and Pere Marquette (1) recorded the only Great Egrets. Black Vultures (295 in 7 circles), as always, were confined to southern Illinois. The northernmost Turkey Vultures were two detected at Kankakee.

Diurnal raptors through gulls

Eagles (3,281 in 47 circles) continue to be detected in record high numbers. Northern Harriers (532 in 51 circles) were widespread this season and often reported in high count numbers by several compilers. Cooper's Hawks (393 in 61 circles) continue their increase and presence statewide. Northern Goshawks are conspicuous by their near absence with Champaign (1), Crane Lake – Sangamon (1), and Jackson (1) noting the only individuals statewide. Red-shouldered Hawks (166 in 26 circles) were sparse in northern and central Illinois but were easily detected in southern Illinois (153 in 17 southern Illinois circles). The Harlan's form of Red-tailed Hawk was reported from Pere Marquette(1) and Collinsville (1). The only Golden Eagle report was from Pere Marquette (1). Thirteen Merlins (in 13 circles) were noted statewide. For the 5th out of 6 seasons a Merlin has returned to winter at a Chicago urban cemetery. No Peregrine Falcons were detected in southern Illinois and Champaign (1) noted the only central Illinois Peregrine Falcon; Davenport (2), Lisle Arboretum (3), Chicago Urban (1) and Chicago Lakefront (1) tallied the remaining Peregrines in northern Illinois. Lisle Arboretum noted the only Virginia Rail. Rend Lake (2) and Thorn Creek (1) noted the only Sandhill Cranes. Rend Lake

noted a tardy Spotted Sandpiper, pending review. Least Sandpipers were detected at Mermet Lake (12), and Pere Marquette (8). Mermet Lake recorded the only Dunlin. Arklands (3) and Mermet Lake (2) detected the only American Woodcocks. A Parasitic Jaeger was a rare find at Chicago Lakefront. Bonaparte's Gulls (714 in 9 circles) were nearly out of the state during the season with the northernmost gulls at Clinton Lake (9), Peoria (24), and Springfield (135). Unusual gulls were hardly detected this season. Carlyle Lake (3), Chillicothe (1), Crab Orchard (1), Mermet Lake (1), Rend Lake (1) and Springfield (2) noted Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Calumet Sand-Ridge (1) and Evanston (2) noted the only Glaucous Gulls. Three Great Black-backed Gulls were at Calumet Sand-Ridge.

Pigeons through kinglets

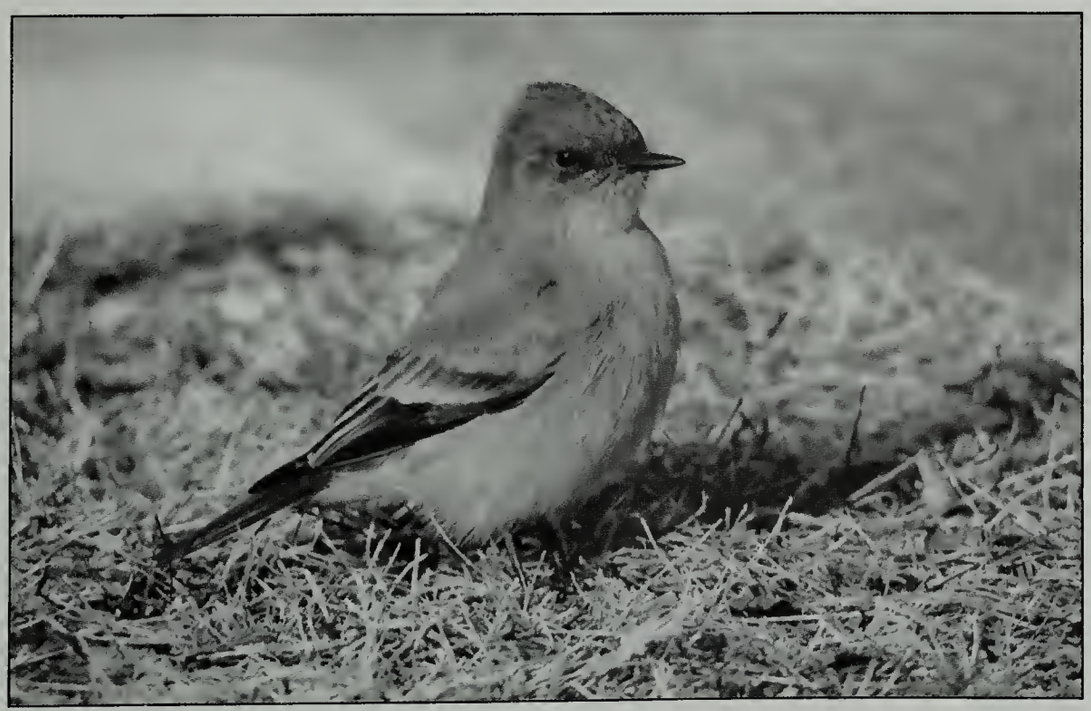
Eurasian Collared-Doves (246 in 21 circles) are on the move (apparently along railroad lines and grain elevators). The most remarkable owl find this season was in southern Illinois; a count week Burrowing Owl that was present for some time but not detected on count day at Arklands. Another owl that didn't count was a Snowy observed just before the Waukegan count. Short-eared Owls (91 in 13 circles) were rather wide spread this season whereas Long-eared Owls (22 in 10 circles) were hardly noted, and the only Northern Saw-whet Owls were detected at Barrington (1) and Middlefork (1). Red-headed Woodpecker (795 in 51 circles) numbers were low statewide. Sapsuckers (405 in 44 circles), Northern Flickers (2,146 in 64 circles), and Pileated Woodpeckers (512 in 38 circles) were reported in high count numbers for some circles. An amazing total of 60 Eastern Phoebes were in 9 extreme southern IL circles. A most outstanding flycatcher rarity was Crane Lake's solitary Say's Phoebe. Loggerhead Shrikes (25 in 8 southern Illinois circles) and Northern Shrikes (12 in 7 circles) were hardly detected this season. Middlefork (1) tallied the southernmost Northern Shrike in central Illinois. A rare (for this season) Fish Crow was noted at Mermet Lake. Horned Larks (7,704 in 56 circles) were detected a bit easier along snow-swept roadsides. Horseshoe Lake noted tardy Tree (1) and Barn (1) Swallow. Union also noted 2 late Barn Swallows. Red-breasted Nuthatch (442 in 53 circles) numbers were supposed to fall this season—that did not happen—exactly. High counts of wrens and in some areas kinglets were noted. Carolina Wrens (2,022 in 58 circles) were often reported in high counts by some compilers. Winter Wrens (198 in 35 circles) seemed to be rather detectable. Solitary Marsh Wrens were tallied at Horseshoe Lake and McHenry. Union reported the only Sedge Wren. Golden-crowned Kinglets (1,151 in 43 circles) and Ruby-crowned Kinglets (207 in 20 circles) were a mixed-bag of noteworthy numbers with northern Illinois and some central Illinois compilers complaining of low counts for particularly Golden-crowned Kinglets.

Thrushes through buntings

Amazing numbers of Eastern Bluebirds (3,418 in 53 circles), Hermit Thrush (534 in 39 circles), and American Robins (32,244 in 54 circles) were tallied and reported by compilers statewide. The Gray Catbird (10 in 7 circles) and Brown Thrasher (56 in 12 circles; all but two confined to southern Illinois) numbers, though small, were noteworthy. The northernmost American Pipit (19 in 6 circles) was detected at Hennepin (1).

Arklands tallied an amazing aforementioned 38 Pine Warblers; others were noted at Cypress Creek (1), Horseshoe Lake (1), and Warbluff (6). Clinton Lake (1) and Marion (1) noted the only Common Yellowthroat.

Evanston (1) and Mermet Lake (1) noted Spotted Towhee. The only Vesper Sparrow was noted at White Pines (1) and Van Petten (1). Highly detected sparrows included: Savannah Sparrow (246 in 25 circles); Fox Sparrows (361 in 44 circles); White-throated Sparrows (7,353 in 62 circles); and White-crowned Sparrows (1,893 in 53 circles). Arklands (5), Cypress Creek (5), Horseshoe Lake (5), Rend Lake (2), and Union (1) noted Le Conte's Sparrows—all in southern Illinois. Lapland Longspurs (2,912 in 42 circles) and 752 Snow Buntings (in 25 circles)



Say's Phoebe.
Crane Lake, Mason County, during the Sanganois Christmas Bird Count.
17 Decmber 2005.
Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

were often detected along snowy road edges and manure spreads this season with the southernmost individuals at Arklands, Baldwin, and Carlyle Lake. The only Indigo Bunting was a count week bird at Carlyle Lake.

Blackbirds through weaver finches

Western Meadowlarks were detected at Princeton-Camanche (1) and Mermet Lake (1). Some compilers felt mixed about Rusty Blackbird numbers (19,995 in 21 circles) and the detections at Arklands (16,022) and Horseshoe Lake (1,600) were numerous contradictions to other low or nil counts. Arklands (10) and Marion (2) reported the only Brewer's Blackbirds. Winter finches were almost non-existent: Chautauqua NWR (7) and Fermilab-Batavia (1) noted Red Crossbills. Carlyle Lake (1) noted the only Common Redpoll. Pine Siskins (116 in 21 circles) were sparse statewide. Evening Grosbeaks were at Clinton Lake (1) and Thorn Creek (17). Eurasian Tree Sparrows (1,776 in 15 circles) are marching up Illinois's river valleys with Peoria (13) now recording this species with regularity.

Corrigenda

The Henslow's Sparrow report at Carlyle Lake (2004) was not accepted by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee and has been deleted from the CBC database.

Acknowledgments

Thanks to the compilers, observers, feeder watchers and friends who so kindly support the effort of data collection for one of the largest bird databases in Illinois ornithological history. Christmas Bird Counting is a grand tradition—thanks to all who participated and support this effort! Until next season—keep looking up—and listening, too!

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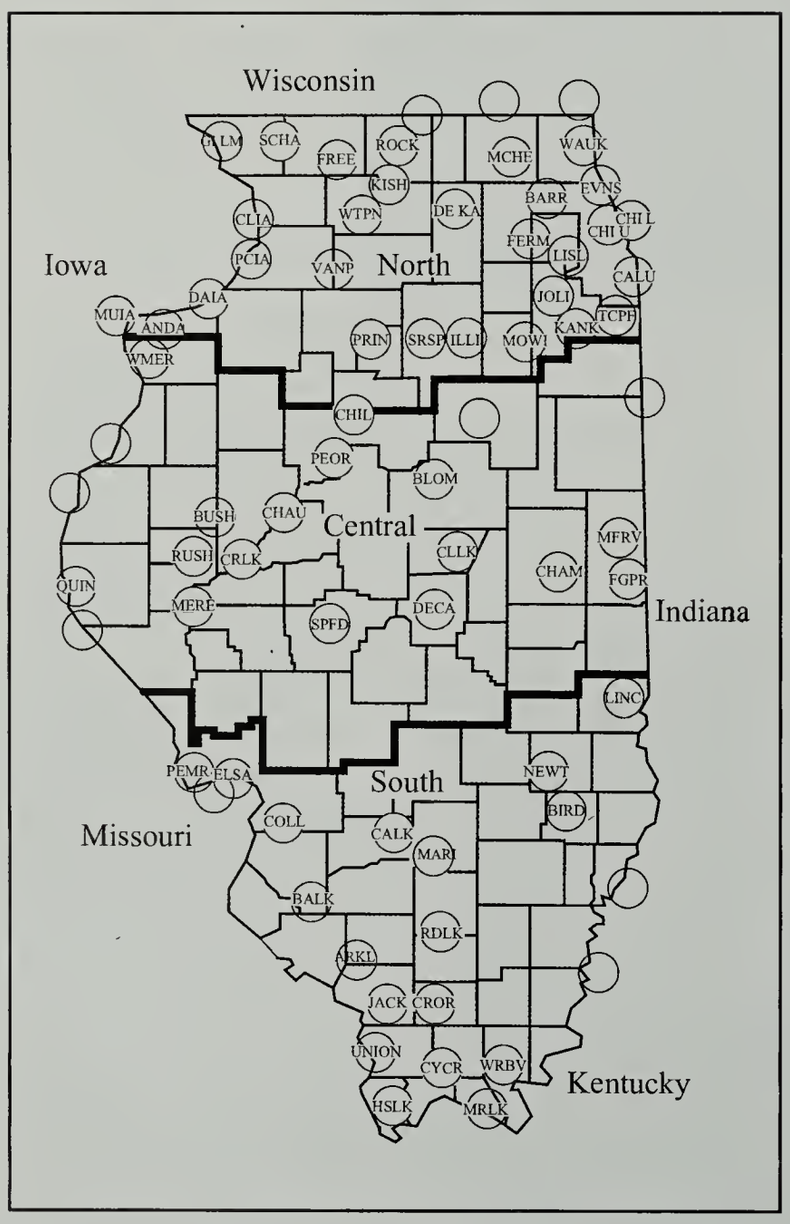

Key to Tables

Code	Description
dd	details desired
ed	excellent details
gd	good details
hc	high count for that circle
HC	all-time High Count
nc	new species to that circle's count
NC	New to the state's Count species list
nd	no details
ps	present for some time
ph	Photographed
qd	questionable details
rn	remarkable number
rr	remarkable record
ud	unconvincing details
boldface	species/number/item of note.

Note: 2005/2006 CBC count circles

The empty circles did not report to the Illinois CBC. Some circles bordering Illinois report to other states.

Editor's Note:

The Kankakee Count Circle on the map to the left is placed erroneously mostly in Will County. It should be located farther south mostly in Kankakee County.

Illinois 2005/ 2006 Christmas Bird Count • Table 1

Count Name	Map I.D.	Date	Time		Temp		Sky	Snow	Water	Wind	Wind	Veloc.	Field	Feeder	Feeder	Parties	Party	Hours	Hours	Party	Miles	Miles	Owling	Owling	Compiler	Area
			Begin	End	Low	High				Direction	Low	High	Obsrv	Obsrv	Hours		Hours	on foot	by car	Miles	on foot	by car	Hours	Miles		
Andalusia	ANDA	4-Jan	500	1700	35	40	Cloudy	0	Partly Froz	W	10	25	5	0	0	2-4	34.25	10.25	24	298.5	7.5	291	4.25	43	Kelly J. McKay	
Barrington	BARR	19-Dec	430	1600	-5	13	Clear	3-6	Partly Open	W	4	10	29	6	9.5	14	71.75	40.25	31.5	311	30.75	280.25	1.5	1	Duane Heaton	
Calumet City-Sand Ridge	CALU	31-Dec	700	1630	28	38	Partly cloudy; cloudy	0	Partly Open	W	6	12	25	10	22	11	58.25	33.5	24.75	289.5	21.25	268.25	0	0	Carolyn Marsb	
Chicago Lakefront	CHI L	25-Dec	700	1500	15	28	Cloudy	1-2	Partly Open	NE	15	30	10	0	0	4	19.5	17	2.5	57.5	14	43.5	0	0	Joel Greenberg	
Chicago (urban)	CHI U	18-Dec	330	1600	9	15	Partly clear	2-8	Partly Open	W	5	10	19	8	5	10	62	52	10	291	41	250	5	3	Jeffrey Sanders	
Clinton IA	CL IA	15-Dec	430	1700	24	31	Cloudy; light snow	7	Frozen	SW	0	20	9	0	0	4	31.25	5.5	25.75	277.25	3.25	274	5.75	63	Kelly J. McKay	
Davenport IA	DA IA	18-Dec	500	1730	8	16	Clear	5	Frozen	NW	10	15	20	27	36	7	66.25	10.5	55.75	552.25	11.25	541	8	97	Kelly J. McKay	
DeKalb	DEKA	17-Dec	645	1630	10	19	Clear; partly cloudy	0	Partly Open	W	10	10	14	1	2	4-6	45.25	18	27.25	445	26	419	6.5	50	Kevin Jury	
Evanston (north shore)	EVNS	26-Dec	700	1630	29	40	Cloudy	1-2	Partly Open	VAR	0	5	19	30	71.5	10	106.75	83.75	23	349.5	76.5	273	3.5	6.5	Tim Wallace	
Fermilab-Batavia	FERM	17-Dec	445	1645	8	17	Partly cloudy	6-9	Partly Open	W	0	10	101	1	2	39	211	163.5	47.5	714	139	575	6	37	Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	FREE	17-Dec	500	1630	6	17	Clear; partly cloudy	4-10	Partly Open	W	5	10	16	4	7	5	35.75	3.25	32.5	428.98	1.98	427	3.75	56	Richard Benning	N
Green Island/Lost Mound	GILM	16-Dec	515	1715	14	19	Cloudy	4-14	Partly Open	W	0	20	10	0	0	2-6	39.2	6	33.2	325.5	8.5	317	2.75	36	Dan Wenny	
Illini State Park	ILLI	18-Dec	500	1645	8	15	Partly cloudy; Clear	6	Partly Open	WNW	4	15	9	4	4	4	27.25	3	24.25	285	4	281	1.75	15	Jim Hampson	O
Joliet	JOLI	17-Dec	600	1730	15	23	Clear; partly cloudy	3.5	Partly Open	SW	5	5	15	1	0.5	7	57	17	40	423	16	407	0	0	Greg Bluhm	
Kankakee	KANK	31-Dec	345	2030	34	35	Cloudy	0	Partly Froz	WSW	5	10	23	19	21	10-14	71.5	43	28.5	387.4	36.1	351.3	8	20.2	Jed Hertz	R
Kishwaukee	KISH	31-Dec	645	1700	31	35	Cloudy	0-3	Partly Open	W	2	12	30	6	8.5	14-19	107	48.75	58.25	765	60	705	9.25	8.5	Barbara C. Williams	
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	18-Dec	400	1645	8	16	Clear	5-8	Partly Froz	W	8	15	78	9	18	16-19	194.5	139.5	55	471	105	366	14.5	15.5	Geoffrey A. Williamson	T
McHenry County	MCHE	17-Dec	545	1630	10	24	Clear	7-10	Frozen	WSW	7	10	32	0	0	14	78	27.75	50.25	453.75	26.75	427	1.5	10	David A. Frey	
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	1-Jan	700	1645	31	48	Cloudy	0	Partly Open	E	5	10	11	2	3	5	30.75	10.5	20.5	305	14.5	290.5	1	0	William Morris	H
Muscatine IA-IL City	MU IA	3-Jan	500	1715	35	40	Cloudy; foggy	0	Partly Open	SW	0	10	11	8	12	4	38	9.75	28.25	346.5	12.5	334	4.25	41	Kelly J. McKay	
Hennepin (formerly--Princeton)	HENN	17-Dec	445	1645	6	21	Clear	6	Partly Open	W	3	7	7	0	0	3	27.75	6	21.75	238	6	232	1.75	15	John McKee	
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	20-Dec	530	1700	11	23	Clear	6	Frozen	W	5	10	8	0	0	4	30.75	5.5	25.25	291	5	286	4	47	Kelly J. McKay	
Rockford	ROCK	17-Dec	700	1630	8	17	Cloudy; clear	6	Partly Open	WSW	0	10	40	3	3.75	13-17	118.25	61.5	48.75	688	64	612	2.25	6	Daniel T. Williams	
Schapville	SCHA	3-Jan	700	1730	35	41	Foggy; cloudy	0	Partly Open	S	0	8	24	0	0	6	36.5	3	33.5	330.5	2	328.5	0	0	Terrence N. Ingram	
Starved Rock State Park	SRSP	1-Jan	430	1700	32	45	Cloudy	0	Partly Froz	E	8	20	10	3	3	6	38	13.5	24.5	364.5	14.5	350	2.25	33	John McKee	
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	TCPF	2-Jan	700	1600	35	45	Cloudy; light rain	0	Partly Froz		5	15	33	15	25	8	51.75	21.25	30.5	318.75	20.75	298	0.5	0	Jim Kelly	
Van Petten	VANP	24-Dec	500	1700	31	35	Cloudy; light rain	1	Frozen	W	0	5	7	0	0	4	31	2	29	298	2	296	3.5	30	Kelly J. McKay	
Waukegan	WAUK	1-Jan	430	1700	35	42	Partly clear	0.5	Partly Open	SE	0	8	28	76	187.5	20	91.5	73	18.5	367	78	289	2	15	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines	WTPN	24-Dec	715	1700	32	34	Local fog; cloudy	0-4	Partly Open	W	4	8	5	1	1	3-4	20.5	13	7.5	107.5	10.5	97	0	0	Eric Walters	
Bloomington-Normal	BLOM	18-Dec	700	1630	10	24	Clear; cloudy	0-6	Partly Open	W	0	7	14	1	1	6	36	24	12	198	23	175	1	0	Dale Birkenholz	
Bushnell	BUSH	17-Dec	700	1700	13	27	Clear; partly cloudy	3	Frozen	NW	5	8	9	0	0	3	28	4.15	23.45	247.75	3.75	244	0	0	Larry Hood	C
Champaign County	CHAM	17-Dec	600	1700	15	30	Clear; partly clear	4	Partly Open	NNW	2	7	29	3	3	11	56	39.2	16.8	268	36.5	231.5	0.75	1	Helen M. Parker	
Chautauqua N.W.R.	CHAU	23-Dec	500	1645	38	50	Partly clear; partly cloudy	0-3	Partly Open	SW	8	10	16	1	2	6	52.75	25.25	27.5	297	19	278	1.5	7.5	Richard & Sigurd Bjorklund	E
Chillicothe	CHIL	30-Dec	700	1700	31	38	Partly cloudy; light rain	0	Partly Open	VAR	0	2	18	1	2	7	52	15.5	36.5	442.5	11.5	431			Tracy Meints Fox	
Clinton Lake	CLLK	2-Jan	600	1700	45	60	Cloudy, clear; rain	0	Open	SE-NW	5	15	14	0	0	6	40	19.25	20.75	359.5	26.5	333	0.5	5	Myrna Deaton	N
Crane Lake-Sangamon	CRLK	17-Dec	700	1630	20	42	Clear; partly cloudy	0	Partly Froz	SW	0	5	9	0	0	6	47.5	12	55.5	306	11	295	0	0	Robert Randall	
Decatur	DECA	17-Dec	615	1630	13	30	Clear	0	Partly Froz	VAR	2	10	9	4	8	2-7	36.25	22.5	13.75	198	19	179	5	10	Ross Thompson	T
Eastern Knox County	EKNX	17-Dec	500	1700	8	21	Clear	6-8	Partly Froz	W	3.5	12	8	0	0	5	35	10	25	396.5	10.5	386	4	50	Jim Mountjoy	
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	21-Dec	600	1800	16	33	Clear; partly cloudy	1-3	Partly Open	SW	0	10	12	0	0	7	54	40.75	13.25	315	36	279	3	2.5	Marilyn F. Campbell	R
Meredosia Island	MERE	15-Dec	630	1700	30	41	Clear; partly clear	0	Partly Froz	SW	0	15	9	0	0	5	43	16	27	372	19	353	0	0	Tony Ward	
Middle Fork River Valley	MFRV	14-Dec	130	1715	29	36	Cloudy	1-5	Open	SE	0	14	12	5	5	8	57.75	42.25	15.5	262.5	41	221.5	4.5	39.5	Steven D. Bailey	A
Peoria	PEOR	17-Dec	700	1600	15	27	Clear; partly cloudy	0-2	Partly Open	W	2	5	22	3	6	8	66	13	53	339	14	325	0	0	L. H. Princen	
Quincy	QUIN	17-Dec	530	1630	15	27	Clear	0	Partly Froz	SW	6	6	14	10	8.75	8	51	10	41	404	7	397	3	1.5	Ken Heinze	L
Rushville	RUSH	17-Dec	600	1800	22	35	Partly cloudy	0	Partly Open	E	5	0	2	4	5	2	6	6	0	4	4	0	1	1	Harold E. Hedden	
Springfield	SPFD	18-Dec	300	1730	8	20	Light snow; partly clear	1	Partly Open	NW	7	14	17	10	20	12	87	34	53	523	35	488	7	40	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer Co.	WMER	18-Dec	500	1700	25	33	Cloudy	0	Partly Open	W	5	10	11	0	0	3-5	44	6.5	37.5	330.5	8.5	322	6	63	Kelly J. McKay	
Arklands	ARKL	25-Dec	630	1715	20	35	Cloudy	0	Open	NW	5	8	5	0	0	5	46	18	28	360	17	343	2.25	36	Joseph E. Merkelbach	
Baldwin Lake-Kaskaskia	BALK	17-Dec	415	1645	22	36	Clear; partly cloudy	0	Partly Froz	W	5	10	12	4	8	5-8	40.5	28.25	12.25	253.5	17.5	236	1	44.7	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanct.-Olney	BIRD	17-Dec	630	1700	24	36	Partly clear	0	Partly Froz	WNW	0	5	15	0	0	8	59	23	36	331	21	310	1.5	1	Frank E. Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	14-Dec	000	1700	30	38	Cloudy;foggy;rain;snow	4	Partly Open	SW	10	15	14	0	0	5	58	24	34	482	25	457	7	140	Dan Kassebaum	
Collinsville	COLL	29-Dec	500	1530	33	37	Cloudy	0	Open	SE	0	25	12	0	0	5	52.75	16.25	36.5	334.5	18.5	316	0	0	Frank Holmes	S
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	17-Dec	130	1700	30	39	Clear; partly cloudy	0	Partly Froz	VAR	0	3	8	0	0	4	37.5	7.5	30	331	13	318	5	50	Mike Brown	
Cypress Creek	CYCR	19-Dec	600	1700	15	32	Clear; partly cloudy	0	Partly Froz	NW	0	7	17	0	0	5-8	102.25	62.6	39.75	459.5	49	410.5	1	1	Jeff Hoover	O
Elsah	ELSA	1-Jan	800	1400	41	54	Partly cloudy: Clear	0	Open	SE	5	10	6	1	1	4	15.25	2.25	13	76.4	3	73.4	0	0	Mary Jane Hoff	
Horsesboe Lake	HSLK	29-Dec	530	1730	36	49	Cloudy	0	Open	N	0	5	16	0	0	7-10	79.5	37.5	42	394	31	363	2.5	25	Vernon Kleen	U
Jackson County	JACK	1-Jan	230	1800	32	60	Cloudy	0	Open	SE	6	16	14	1	2	6	64.75	23.25	41.5	390	16	374	8.75	103	Rhonda S. (Monroe) Rothrock	
Lincoln Trail State Park	LINC	17-Dec	630	1500	36	20	Cloudy	0	Partly Froz	Calm	0	0	12	1	0.5	4	15.5	2.5	13	136	3.5	132.5	0	0	Peggy Barath	T
Marion Co. Kaskaskia Audubon	MARI	19-Dec	630	1630	20	24	Partly cloudy; clear	0	Partly Froz	NW	15	20	6	0	0	2-4	21.8	6	15.8	148.5	3.5	145	0	0	Joseph E. Merkelbach	
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	MRLK	31-Dec	200	1800	36	50	Clear	0	Open	Calm	0	0	12	1	1	7	70.5	23.5	47	394.5	17.5	377	4.5	28	Frank Bennett	H
Newton	NEWT	23-Dec	330	1645	36	48	Partly cloudy	0-3	Partly Open	S	5	15	16	0	0	4-7	42.75	28	14.75	191.5	24.5	167	2	23	Jeffery W. Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	17-Dec	800	1630	23	47	Clear	0	Partly Froz	W	0	5	21	0	0	8	55.25	23	32.25	277	15.5	261.5	0	0	Robert Thomas	
Rend Lake	RDLK	17-Dec	430	1700	24	44	Clear	0	Partly Froz	SW	0	5	9	0	0	7	62	27	35	552	16	536	4	56	Keith A. McMullen	
Union County	UNION	30-Dec	530	1700	28	39	Cloudy; light rain	0	Open	E	0	5	20	0	0	10-13	98.25	41	57.25	463	32	431	2.5	4	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley Sanctuary	WRBV	18-Dec	630	1715	27	39	Partly cloudy	0	Partly Froz	NE	0	2	13	1	2	7	63.75	30	33.75	277.75	18.25	259.5	0	0	Andrea Douglas	
					22.563	33.3		1.152					1101	285	517.5		3608.8	1701.3	1891.8	21895	1525.6	20357.7	182.8	1381.4		
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Greater White-fronted Goose												3						4				7
Snow Goose			1			1				1												3
Ross's Goose																		1 hc				1
Cackling Goose	59		7			2		79	5		2			1	6	9 lc	491	5		5		671
Canada Goose	10748	592	1689	743	1532	4279	1795	15900	12977	4960	6357	3870	1061	3370	1407	1378	9555	3500	193	2715	1668 hc	90289
Mute Swan	24			6	33		3	2	16 hc	5	47	3		17								156
Trumpeter Swan					2 hc							4										6
Tundra Swan											6 hc											6
Wood Duck		3	1		2	2		2	1						1	4	2					18
Gadwall	19	17	1		14	5			42		135	7 hc		471	7		1	6				725
American Wigeon		10	1						1						1		2 hc					15
American Black Duck	44	11	12	1	11	7	2	15	12		31	18		35	59	1 lc	7	10		1		277
Mallard	2523	1322	1243	194	761	525	835	2434	1831	461	1439 hc	803	1061	1224	525	707	1786	338		35	31	20078
Northern Shoveler	1				1			1	1			2									4	10
Northern Pintail	1							2		1							1					5
Green-winged Teal			1					1	8	1												11
duck sp.																	210					210
Canvasback			1		5	2						1			2			1				12
Redhead	105	24	3												11 hc					1 nc		144
Ring-necked Duck	3	1			1	37						7										49
Greater Scaup	1197	1313		2	170																	2682
Lesser Scaup	27		5	4	305	6		1			7	6		6			2 hc	1			41 hc	411
scaup sp.				1	100																	101
Long-tailed Duck	7	5																				12
Bufflehead	33	4	4	28	13						1									1		84
Common Goldeneye	219	431	11	382	60		10	224	4		47	71		57	126	12	6	140		5	43	1848
Hooded Merganser	49	10	4	7	11	4		1	2		120 hc	3		2	30		7 hc	1				251
Common Merganser	131	2		833	61		1	8	2		64	3		25	33			395		9	1	1568
Red-breasted Merganser	415	513	12	458	58				2			3										1461
Ruddy Duck	8 hc					2															1	11
Am. Black Duck X Mallard	1																2					2
Ring-necked Pheasant						8	2	4	2	1	3	7	11	3	16	43	1 lc		61 hc	13		175
Wild Turkey											5	10	17	29	32	84	50	15	40 hc		40 hc	322
Northern Bobwhite												23				6					1	30
Pied-billed Grebe			1			1		1						6	1							10
Horned Grebe		1			1																	2
Double-crested Cormorant	11		1		8						7			7	15							49
Great Blue Heron	5	8	5		9	4	5	11	15	1	3	15	1	5	16	4	8 hc	14			6	135
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1	4		17																	22
Turkey Vulture												2										2
Bald Eagle					3 hc			7				2		1	13	9	28 hc	39	5 hc		24	131
adults					2										8	3	10	23	2		17	65
immatures					1							2		1	4	6	18	16	3		7	58
unknown								7							1							8
Northern Harrier	6	2	1			8 hc	1	10	5 hc	4	3	5	3	13	3	7	2 lc	4	2	2	2	83
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2			2	3	2	8	15 hc	3		1	3	1		5	5	1			1	54
Cooper's Hawk	7	18	14 hc	2	8	9 hc	9 hc	28 HC	28 HC	11	10 hc	9 hc	11 hc	5 hc	5	11	9	1	2	2	3	202
Accipiter sp.																1	1					2
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	3	1				1															6
Red-tailed Hawk	45	51	23	2	27	52	64	96	68	64	48	64 hc	14	33	33	78	70	42	63	18	75 hc	1030
Rough-legged Hawk	4	1					1	3	2		1	4	3	2	1	6	2 lc		5	5	3	43
Buteo sp.																1						1
hawk sp.										1												1
American Kestrel	8	7	1	2	20	7	2	26	17	18	11	23	8	18	7	11	20	46 hc	8	4	9	273
Merlin	1		1																			2
Peregrine Falcon			1	1					3													5
Virginia Rail									1													1
American Coot	54		5	31	29	8			9	3	1	5		33	3							181
Sandhill Crane										1												1
Killdeer											1										3	4
Wilson's Snipe							1	4	4							4	1 hc				4 hc	18
Parasitic Jaeger				**1 gd**																		1
Ring-billed Gull	594	328	267	302	446	33	121	139	355	48	408	145 hc		221	150	2	13	170			66	3808
Herring Gull	750	150	14	997	1130		1	360	69		7	53 hc		11	21	9	271	1198		55	472	5568
Thayer's Gull	1		2	2	2													1				8
Iceland Gull								cw														cw
Glaucous Gull	3	1			1																	5
Great Black-backed Gull					3																	3
gull sp.					3		6		25	18							1					53
Rock Pigeon	433	649	1750	52	1187	236	222	397	3342	320	352	769	523	136	106	1224	844	280	382	308	56	13568
[Ringed Turtle-Dove]									1		36											37
Eurasian Collared-Dove			3						7 hc			7									4 hc	21
Mourning Dove	765	696	227		382	352	237	1177	966	**2142 HC**	466	320	173	88	100	1772 hc	219	36	296	213	79	10706
Monk Parakeet			10	2	**201 HC**																	213

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Greater White-fronted Goose												3						4				7
Snow Goose			1			1				1												3
Ross's Goose																		1 hc				1
Cackling Goose	59		7			2		79	5		2			1	6	9 lc	491	5		5		671
Canada Goose	10748	592	1689	743	1532	4279	1795	15900	12977	4960	6357	3870	1061	3370	1407	1378	9555	3500	193	2715	1668 hc	90289
Mute Swan	24			6	33		3	2	16 hc	5	47	3		17								156
Trumpeter Swan					2 hc							4										6
Tundra Swan											6 hc											6
Wood Duck		3	1		2	2		2	1						1	4	2					18
Gadwall	19	17	1		14	5			42		135	7 hc		471	7		1	6				725
American Wigeon		10	1						1						1		2 hc					15
American Black Duck	44	11	12	1	11	7	2	15	12		31	18		35	59	1 lc	7	10		1		277
Mallard	2523	1322	1243	194	761	525	835	2434	1831	461	1439 hc	803	1061	1224	525	707	1786	338		35	31	20078
Northern Shoveler	1				1			1	1			2									4	10
Northern Pintail	1							2		1							1					5
Green-winged Teal			1					1	8	1												11
duck sp.																	210					210
Canvasback			1		5	2						1			2			1				12
Redhead	105	24	3												11 hc					1 nc		144
Ring-necked Duck	3	1			1	37						7										49
Greater Scaup	1197	1313		2	170																	2682
Lesser Scaup	27		5	4	305	6		1			7	6		6			2 hc	1			41 hc	411
scaup sp.				1	100																	101
Long-tailed Duck	7	5																				12
Bufflehead	33	4	4	28	13						1									1		84
Common Goldeneye	219	431	11	382	60		10	224	4		47	71		57	126	12	6	140		5	43	1848
Hooded Merganser	49	10	4	7	11	4		1	2		120 hc	3		2	30		7 hc	1				251
Common Merganser	131	2		833	61		1	8	2		64	3		25	33			395		9	1	1568
Red-breasted Merganser	415	513	12	458	58				2			3										1461
Ruddy Duck	8 hc					2															1	11
Am. Black Duck X Mallard	1																2					2
Ring-necked Pheasant						8	2	4	2	1	3	7	11	3	16	43	1 lc		61 hc	13		175
Wild Turkey											5	10	17	29	32	84	50	15	40 hc		40 hc	322
Northern Bobwhite												23				6					1	30
Pied-billed Grebe			1			1		1						6	1							10
Horned Grebe		1			1																	2
Double-crested Cormorant	11		1		8						7			7	15							49
Great Blue Heron	5	8	5		9	4	5	11	15	1	3	15	1	5	16	4	8 hc	14			6	135
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1	4		17																	22
Turkey Vulture												2										2
Bald Eagle					3 hc			7				2		1	13	9	28 hc	39	5 hc		24	131
adults					2										8	3	10	23	2		17	65
immatures					1							2		1	4	6	18	16	3		7	58
unknown								7							1							8
Northern Harrier	6	2	1			8 hc	1	10	5 hc	4	3	5	3	13	3	7	2 lc	4	2	2	2	83
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2			2	3	2	8	15 hc	3		1	3	1		5	5	1			1	54
Cooper's Hawk	7	18	14 hc	2	8	9 hc	9 hc	**28 HC**	**28 HC**	11	10 hc	9 hc	11 hc	5 hc	5	11	9	1	2	2	3	202
Accipiter sp.																1	1					2
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	3	1				1															6
Red-tailed Hawk	45	51	23	2	27	52	64	96	68	64	48	64 hc	14	33	33	78	70	42	63	18	75 hc	1030
Rough-legged Hawk	4	1					1	3	2		1	4	3	2	1	6	2 lc		5	5	3	43
Buteo sp.																1						1
hawk sp.										1												1
American Kestrel	8	7	1	2	20	7	2	26	17	18	11	23	8	18	7	11	20	46 hc	8	4	9	273
Merlin	1		1																			2
Peregrine Falcon			1	1					3													5
Virginia Rail									1													1
American Coot	54		5	31	29	8			9	3	1	5		33	3							181
Sandhill Crane										1												1
Killdeer											1										3	4
Wilson's Snipe							1	4	4							4	1 hc				4 hc	18
Parasitic Jaeger				1 gd																		1
Ring-billed Gull	594	328	267	302	446	33	121	139	355	48	408	145 hc		221	150	2	13	170			66	3808
Herring Gull	750	150	14	997	1130		1	360	69		7	53 hc		11	21	9	271	1198		55	472	5568
Thayer's Gull	1		2	2	2													1				8
Iceland Gull								ew														ew
Glaucous Gull	3	1			1																	5
Great Black-backed Gull					3																	3
gull sp.					3		6		25	18							1					53
Rock Pigeon	433	649	1750	52	1187	236	222	397	3342	320	352	769	523	136	106	1224	844	280	382	308	56	13568
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Species	VANP	SCHA	GILM	CLIA	PCIA	DAIA	ANDA	MUIA	MERV	FGPR	CHAM	BLOM	CLLK	DECA	CHIL	PEOR	EKNX	CHAU	CRLK	SPFD	MERE	BUSH	Totals
Greater White-fronted Goose												12	224					58	5	7	375		681
Snow Goose									1		1	2	135	2		50	1	7	47			1	247
Ross's Goose													2										2
Cackling Goose	12							2	2 hc		12	47	83	45			35	706 hc	17	46	106		1113
Canada Goose	1227		128	67	530	2675	1364 hc	242	1905	3459	1715 hc	3504	4870	1974	1383	2014	2167	10511	8479	2635	3249 hc	348	54446
Mute Swan									4 hc					6				14		8			32
Trumpeter Swan				4	8	2													5				19
Tundra Swan				2														2	3				7
Wood Duck	1						2		3	1	1	3		40				1	7	10	2		71
Gadwall	11			2									64	1	2	53	15	158	358 hc	9	206 hc		879
American Wigeon												1	29					1	13		3		47
American Black Duck	11			15	2	5		1	21			5	46	5	2			20	21	5	14		173
Mallard	1342		15	597	63	1703	100	132	1182	33	354 hc	1019	13800	509	1263	412	42	7829	22231	945	7518		61089
Mottled Duck																				1 rr, ph, ps			1
Blue-winged Teal																			1				1
Northern Shoveler				2					10 hc				40		30	1	1		18	10			112
Northern Pintail	2			1		1	6 hc		6 hc				58 hc					18	50	2	3		147
Green-winged Teal				2				5					52	3	2	11		11	4		10		100
duck sp.									15														15
Canvasback					1	3	5 hc	5					4		1			2	5	18	107 hc		151
Redhead	1				2													15	4		2		24
Ring-necked Duck	1											1			1		4	62	37	14	1		121
Tufted Duck																							
Greater Scaup													1								1		2
Lesser Scaup	2			25	4	11	22 hc	15					14	4		7	7		41	54	70		276
Harlequin Duck														1 ph, ps									1
Black Scoter													1										1
Long-tailed Duck														1									1
Bufflehead									1				2	2	1		2	6		2	3		19
Common Goldeneye	136			17	87	20	7	420				35	164	178	2604	111	8	11	9	85	2		3894
Hooded Merganser				2		2							45 hc			4		38		93	2		186
Common Merganser	9		33	2	850	48	3	116				5	188		2106	289	25	220	9	75	8		3986
Red-breasted Merganser						1																	1
Ruddy Duck					2								2				1		1	30	20		56
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	1	6	9	14	16	1		2		19	2 lc	16	16	1		80	4	1 lc	2			192
Wild Turkey	4	22	7	86	62	40	43 hc	40	122	34		2	3	2	40		44	58	44	15	40	15	723
Northern Bobwhite				29	18			1					1	5			19	36	17	11	3		140
Pied-billed Grebe								1	2				6				2			19			30
Horned Grebe													1							1			2
American White Pelican						1																	1
Double-crested Cormorant						3							3				1	1		2			10
Great Blue Heron	2			10		45	14 hc	15	11	11	3	4	41	17	2	7	2	98	42	62 hc	22	1	409
Great Egret																					1 ed		1
Turkey Vulture									8	1													9
Bald Eagle	8	8	333	165	434	629	336 hc	295		4		2	2	2	47	25	2	48	82 hc	4	101		2527
adults	4	6	196	49	217	402	85	182		3		1	2	1	28	16	1	14	36	3	54		1300
immatures	3	2	121	104	209	214	49	110		1		1		1	19	9		34	46	1	47		971
unknown	1		16	12	8	13	202	3									1						256
Northern Harrier				1		4		2	1			2	1	1	2	1	2	13	29 hc	1	28 hc		88
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	1	2	3	2	3		4	1	2	3		2	4	2	3	1	7 hc	7	1	6	1	57
Cooper's Hawk	4	1	3	1	5	3	2	4	4	3	13 hc	9 hc	3	4	1	8	4	8 hc	4	13 hc	6 hc	2	105
Northern Goshawk											1								1				2
Red-shouldered Hawk							2 hc			2	1		1								1		7
Red-tailed Hawk	38	47	83	51	41	63	19	33	13 lc	37	41 hc	22	34	25	34	41	29	61	53	30	39	38	872
Rough-legged Hawk	5	3	7	14	1	1	1	1		2		1	1			3	1	5	1 lc		1	1	49
American Kestrel	20	18	11	15	10	11	22 hc	28	3 lc	13	21	15	19	14	21	25	6	30	25	23	32	15	397
Merlin	1		1		1							1				1		1			1		7
Peregrine Falcon						2					1												3
American Coot	1					1			6			14	68	35	6	2	41	9	1	38	1		223
Killdeer			1										1		2	5			4	1	2		16
Wilson's Snipe				4			1 us				3 hc		1		2			3 hc	6		6		26
Bonaparte's Gull													9			24				135			168
Ring-billed Gull	102					673	9	8				3	895	121	3956	12323		704	47	1728	1154 hc		21723
Herring Gull	576				1	1284	7	12				6	14	1	185	550		20		50	4		2710
Thayer's Gull						1																	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull															1					2			3
Rock Pigeon	823	232	98	281	72	646	166	164	30	89	1156	233 hc	162	60	62	1466	23	150 hc	100	388	140	96	6637
Eurasian Collared-Dove		3						6	2 hc									33 hc	15				59
Mourning Dove	1531	33	330	440	461	417	65	848	202	278	957 hc	424	146	154	195	490	114	299 hc	219	1286	158	916 hc	9963

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Eastern Screech-Owl	15		8	6	3	3	5	4	15	8	5	1		1	1		2	1	1	13	3		95
Great Horned Owl	15	5	7	12	2	12	5	16	1	5	4	2	7	2	1	1	6	1	2	4	1	2	113
Barred Owl	3		1	6	2	12	13 hc	4	10	11	1	5 hc	6	3	1	4	8	4	3	9	3		109
Long-eared Owl	5		4								1												10
Short-eared Owl																	14		1				15
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1								1														2
Belted Kingfisher	10	4	6	7	3	3	3	3	18 hc	9	5	4	10	7	5	10	1	14 hc	3	4	1		130
Red-headed Woodpecker		1	2	3	2	5	15 hc	3	12	17	1	19 hc	2	11	6	4	18	7	24	9	11	12	184
Red-bellied Woodpecker	18	35	42	72	26	67	63 hc	46	81	104	96 hc	28	34	32	83	57	40	88 hc	124	184 hc	59	42	1421
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		3	2	3	5			2	5	16 hc	3		3		8			7	10	1		70
Downy Woodpecker	57	36	64	58	39	137	58	90	70	96	95 hc	46	40	40	68	71	35	57	91	125	59	46	1478
Hairy Woodpecker	9	12	13	9	6	15	19 hc	24	10	11	5	1	7	4	13	9	8	9	20	19	13	3	239
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	15	4	13	15	8	22	10	21	45	30	51	12	29	22	31	19	11	56	99	102	39	3	657
Pileated Woodpecker		3	4	4		2	5	5	16	23	1			2	3	8	4	7	25	10	21		143
Say's Phoebe																			1 ph, rr, ps				1
Northern Shrike	1								1 us														2
Blue Jay	132	210	143	121	78	169	84	76	228	215	138	102	97	96	126	73	81	312	305 hc	214	153	141	3294
American Crow	1571	220	174	339	64	1134	133	170	114000	19063	408	3270	402	137	168	642	171	450	183	5326	307	78	148410
Fish Crow																							
Horned Lark	88	1 lc	485	409	105	139	13	22	162	53	116	250	50	5	5	32	238	56	140	205	49	305	2928
Carolina Chickadee									131	158	33												322
Black-capped Chickadee	123	112	161	188	156	377	177	150			15 hc	84	126	81	215	185	117	141	168	177	132	37	2922
chickadee sp.											7												7
Tufted Titmouse	11	37 hc	20	26	9	34	31	32	81	136	40	8	23	30	94	53	48	51	66	108	46	12	996
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3	2	2	1	2	1	3		3	7	23 hc	6	14	9		3		14	22	14	29		158
White-breasted Nuthatch	34	45	77	115	46	117	94	107	73	127	47	27	44	35	115	76	52	70	104	106	82	33	1626
Brown Creeper	15	4	1	2	5	6	36 hc	13	3	14	13	14	8	6	2	4	1	2	2	22	9	2	184
Carolina Wren			3	8	1	9	6 hc	9	42	59 hc	49	12 hc	38	15	14	11	2	16	67 hc	70	68	13 hc	512
House Wren														2									2
Winter Wren			1	3	1	1	2 hc	2	1		2		3			1			8	8	1		34
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1	3			2	1	1	3	7	1 lc		7	1				11	9	10	5		62
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								1	1 us		1								2	1			6
Eastern Bluebird		47	75 hc	19	2	11	12 hc	70	51	59	3	18	25 hc	16	45	10	18	37	130 hc	32	133	27	840
Hermit Thrush	3			2		3	1	1	11 hc	6 hc	10	1	4 hc	1		2		2	10 hc	9	8		74
American Robin	2	20	4	4		3	11 hc	73	40	3	74	38	54 hc	79	194	126	1	41	38	127	44	2	978
Gray Catbird							1 us		1 hc, us														2
Northern Mockingbird	1							1		1		1	4	2	1		1	9	14	13	4	4	56
Brown Thrasher																	1						1
European Starling	1886	1057	1920	2523	595	7619	4128	1952	891	1380	1720	969	1400	1658	6250	3616	254	1174	1011	10403	493	1120	54019
American Pipit											1										1		2
Cedar Waxwing	31	40	21	207		1	136 hc	31	164	11	56	25	16	5	14	20	2	31	9	6	1	8	835
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler				4			1 hc	7			7		12	1	6			3	3	23	3		70
Common Yellowthroat													1 us										1
American Tree Sparrow	342	2 lc	526	397	945	261	985 hc	74	512	339	464	672	205	430	146	625	736	597	1376 hc	539	715	301	11189
Field Sparrow						1			1	3			3		2			1	3				14
Vesper Sparrow	1																						1
Savannah Sparrow					1						2								2				5
Fox Sparrow		1		1		2	12 hc		15 hc	7	13 hc	1	1					9 hc	3	3	6		74
Song Sparrow	44	2	6	19	14	93	36	19	68	109	59	35	31	28	31	80	6	146	158	59	207	42	1292
Swamp Sparrow	3		2	8	3	1	18	2	14	14	4	8 lc	8	4	2		2	22	22	2	22		161
White-throated Sparrow	2		1	2	1	17	70 hc	4	57	64	160	22	61	24	18	30	3	37	11	136	27	2	749
White-crowned Sparrow				12	15	8			3	15	146 hc		2	9	3	42		116 hc	55	10	74	13	523
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	354	174	795	545	1100	720	911 hc	224	665	554	537	379	189	169	302	676	466	392	724	746	265	359	11246
Lapland Longspur	123		5	123	9	62	14	1	22		210	1		23	45		2		194	27	13	133 hc	1007
Snow Bunting	6		56	1	45	20	4		2		1	11						3					149
Northern Cardinal	221	68	190	221	168	470	247 hc	189	260	301	298	150	127	158	132	233	126	192	263	604 hc	141	180	4939
Red-winged Blackbird	3	2	7	207		222	98	2	1	1	1	20	138	1	3	4	90	178	162	306	449	2	1897
Eastern Meadowlark	1		2	3	13				7	2	1	8	6				3	1			2	6	55
Western Meadowlark					1																		1
meadowlark sp.				7		2																	9
Rusty Blackbird													15		4						6		25
Common Grackle			2	12		5	3		11	220	14	10	81	46	3		12	2	5	21	10		457
Brown-headed Cowbird			49	38	2	1583	41		1	2	7	2	136		1	1	6	81	3	54	1	1	2009
Purple Finch	21	9	18	19	4	3	80 hc	12	33		26		12	1	14	4	8	16	22		10		312
House Finch	24	121	53	42	97	155	41 hc	215	90	106	73	115	68	42	209	98	37	60 hc	24 hc	136	4	15	1825
Red Crossbill																		7					7
Pine Siskin		3	1			4	3									6							17
American Goldfinch	66	199	83	146	75	253	39	160	130	201	141	56	121	58	171	270	91	127	336	248	102	66	3139
Evening Grosbeak													1										1
House Sparrow	978	462	719	525	692	1122	540	581	244	401	1868	258	192	146	300	680	220	551	128	1250	230	1086	13173
Eurasian Tree Sparrow					3		45 hc	75								13	13	469	180	174 hc	64	146	1182
Total Species	67	43	61	72	63	77	68	66	74	58	67	68	90	73	69	65	69	87	92	86	90	46	
Total Individuals	12114	3308	6830	8340	7017	23227	10450	6892	121861	27926	11372	12068	25114	6677	20801	25733	5634	26949	38426	29539	17575	5676	453529

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	RUSH	WMER	QUIN	LINC	NEWT	BIRD	ARKL	MARI	BALK	RD LK	JACK	CROR	CYCR	CALK	UNION	HSLK	MRLK	COLL	PEMR	ELSA	WRBV	Totals
Greater White-fronted Goose			4		214		**15266 HC**		50	462	50	30	27	43	12500	5200	135		900			35028
Snow Goose			2	2			**99080 HC**	1729	12966	56150	12966	481	20200	16307	18000	30000	6500	44	1667	375	400	268468
Ross's Goose							**200 HC**			4				6	20	11	4					251
Cackling Goose		2	2		37	25	68	6		72		4	4	34	110	68	3		500			945
Canada Goose	839	4106	1534	640	2806	5123	5026	174	2928	1509	2928	12500	742	218	5000	3500	233	734	2743	127	35	51225
Mute Swan				5					1		1				1			7				14
Trumpeter Swan															**27 HC**	2						29
Tundra Swan					1										4				1			6
Wood Duck					1	2	5			5		1	20		28	212	8				6	290
Gadwall			1		52	21	175		13	62	13	524	158	1	518	81	200	369	9			2203
American Wigeon					8	1	83		71	22	71	140			151	101	62	5	13			657
American Black Duck		2			42	7	16		9	15	9	23	22		22	57	3		33			251
Mallard		3990	253	23	3250	2004	19402	47	915	16750	915	2462	2831	285	20000	12000	3400	489	13782	1	14	102134
Blue-winged Teal																	1		1			2
Northern Shoveler		4	2		8	24	1		4	4	4	32	42	13	156	100	12	57	14			479
Northern Pintail		2			12	16	72		12	231	12	14	1	1	3800	949	338	32	403			5928
Green-winged Teal					250	2	47			47		37			294	109	11		5			802
duck sp.						12			304		304											316
Canvasback					50	4	3	3	73	62	73	21		3	233	4	117	147	40			762
Redhead						2	1		84	2	84				32	1	6		1			129
Ring-necked Duck			4		200	10	267	2	116	2150	116	1573	500		3400	93	6700	46	25			15091
Greater Scaup					30	38											8	5				81
Lesser Scaup			6		20	15	2	1	109	92	109	104		97	114	3	248	280	53			1144
scaup sp.						2																2
Long-tailed Duck										3					1							4
Bufflehead					100	8	15		8	48	8	30		2	5		3	1	10			231
Common Goldeneye		1			32	14	20	1	12	**6755 HC**	12	25		247			5	150	106			7368
Hooded Merganser					137	22	17		2	**903 HC**	2	165	3	45	12		7	86	5			1434
Common Merganser		67	15		50	1	5			18		8		225				1	2			392
Red-breasted Merganser					4					8		2		10								24
merganser sp.						2																2
Ruddy Duck					3					15		300			46		5	39	71			479
Ring-necked Pheasant		23					2			14				8								47
Greater Prairie-Chicken					52																	52
Wild Turkey		53	6	27	10	64	10	1	88	40	88	97	39		17		43	49	106		18	681
Northern Bobwhite	13				38	23	18	14	10	5	10		18	34			17		16		3	209
Common Loon										1												1
Pied-billed Grebe					9	25	32		8	18	8	84					1		9			197
Horned Grebe						2				7		8		1								18
Eared Grebe										1												1
grebe sp.						2																2
American White Pelican														7					153			160
Double-crested Cormorant						1				7				14				4				26
Great Blue Heron		1	54		47	23	26	9	27	61	27	72	13	120	34	67	30	54	54		6	739
Great Egret																			1			1
Black Vulture							14					4	27		1	21	149				43	295
Turkey Vulture				29	52	2	69						26		12	110	112		1		5	420
Bald Eagle		206	24	2		3	4		2	12	2	8	10	4	20	36	8	5	220	51	4	623
adults		61	11			2	4		2	7	2	5	9		13	24	5	4	92	29	2	274
immatures		32	13			1				5		3	1		7	12	3	1	112	22	2	214
unknown		113		2										4					16			135
Northern Harrier		9	7	2	40	10	104	18	11	10	11		61	14	21	8	8	4	10		18	361
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1			2	3	7	1	1	3	1	2	3	5		1	4	4	6		7	52
Cooper's Hawk		5	3	2	5	11	8		5	5	5	3	11	3	2	5	4	6	3	1		86
Northern Goshawk											1											1
Accipiter sp.					2	3																5
Red-shouldered Hawk				2	1	3	2	9	3	11	3	13	33	2	20	13	17	2	3		8	153
Red-tailed Hawk	1	31	51	16	21	48	20	37	53	53	53	41	82	50	40	39	62	57	63	5	21	823
Harlan's Hawk																		1	1			2
Rough-legged Hawk		4	4		1		2						1									13
Buteo sp.						2																2
Golden Eagle																			1			1
hawk sp.						6													1			7
American Kestrel		25	46	20	28	44	37	28	51	56	51	17	73	62	21	41	58	33	15	1	26	718
Merlin		1					1	1					1	1					1			7
American Coot			2		153	1012	**10023 HC**		74	48	74	901		12		7	400	4				13205
Sandhill Crane										2												2
Killdeer	1		4		2				3	2	3	2	14	1	37	53	21		34		7	184
Spotted Sandpiper										**1 gd**												1
Least Sandpiper																	12		8			20
Dunlin																	1					1
Wilson's Snipe		5					3		1		1	1	6		2	43	4		9			76
American Woodcock							3										2					5
Bonaparte's Gull										163		315	40	26	1				1			546
Ring-billed Gull		1	1031		445	4	16	21	1066	6117	1066	11488	276	3270	29	6	1670	1565	12027	473	82	39911
Herring Gull					1	1	1	1		68		4		141			12		79			311
Lesser Black-backed Gull										1		1		3			1					6
gull sp.						2																2
Rock Pigeon		62	324	9	263	43	53	250	89	74	89	47	66	90	20	37	554	346	44	16	86	2567
Eurasian Collared-Dove		13	5		19		1		43		43	6	4	36	4	20	13					166
Mourning Dove	3	227	482	202	85	561	110	240	153	162	153	97	681	294	141	153	189	349	183	102	66	4635
Eastern Screech-Owl		5	1			3	4	1		8		3		4	8	11	8	2				77
Great Horned Owl		6	6		2	7	8	4	2	6	2	13	3	5	7		19	3	2	1	1	110
Burrowing Owl							**cw ph ps rr**															cw
Barred Owl	2	13	2		5	5	2	2	7	4	7	23	12	4	10	11	13	3	3	1	2	140

		Central											*Southern*	*Counts*							
	RUSH	WMER	QUIN	LINC	NEWT	BIRD	ARKL	MARI	BALK	RD LK	JACK	CROR	CYCR	CALK	UNION	HSLK	MRLK	COLL	PEMR	ELSA	WRBV	Totals
Long-eared Owl		1					2					2									1	6
Short-eared Owl					38		7	4	2		2		15				2					68
owl sp.						3													1			4
Belted Kingfisher		4	2	1	2	4	3	2	4	3	4	3	4	1	5	7	9	3	11	1	2	82
Red-beaded Woodpecker	5	5	12	31	5	12		7	8		8	1	34	8	93	99	59	1	33	18	27	507
Red-bellied Woodpecker	7	65	85	24	71	53	63	74	55	52	55	79	112	79	177	201	131	29	113	43	62	1717
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		2		13		3	4	4	7	7	7	11	34	5	61	62	30	2	8	7	8	299
Downy Woodpecker	10	56	101	34	39	70	57	37	45	59	45	47	96	75	160	171	76	39	69	28	60	1454
Hairy Woodpecker		13	11	2	11	21	20	15	9	18	9	11	18	11	34	30	30	6	15	6	8	315
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	1	17	44	23	31	16	35	39	29	50	29	43	66	50	162	146	90	27	82	20	43	1131
Pileated Woodpecker		6	8	3		6	7	2	9	3	9	22	32	4	66	56	22	2	34	7	28	363
woodpecker sp.						7																7
Eastern Phoebe									1	1	1	7	10		9	17 HC	9				3	60
Loggerhead Shrike					5	6	3					1	3	1			5				1	25
Blue Jay	30	88	229	82	96	245	155	196	117	220	117	283	271	178	250	291	185	51	150	71	232	3734
American Crow	22	169	120	255	42	55	95	5466	83	155	83	191	143	161	187	127	40	396	172	38	145	8196
Fish Crow																	1					1
Horned Lark		31	48	157	118	331	149	17	38	12	38		46	224	113	441	81		29	6	38	1952
Tree Swallow																1						1
Barn Swallow															2	1						3
Carolina Chickadee				35	81	136	142	141	188	265	188	196	349	236	403	368	123	94			199	3296
Black-capped Chickadee	32	135	86																123	67		443
chickadee sp.						1																1
Tufted Titmouse	21	28	57	14	49	76	95	111	102	135	102	75	178	111	268	197	164	19	78	61	96	2155
Red-breasted Nuthatch		1	3		12	2	4	2	4	10	4	25	12	5	2	27	2		4	3	13	140
White-breasted Nuthatch	14	95	52	18	37	52	31	58	54	42	54	40	109	58	194	122	102	6	89	45	80	1424
Brown Creeper		4	2	1	4	3	26	6	10	15	10	19	23	16	45	43	20	2	10	1	27	312
Carolina Wren	1	5	14	15	28	25	28	58	50	75	50	84	80	100	185	196	162	36	80	24	43	1416
House Wren																3	3					7
Winter Wren					2	1	2	1	7	3	7		12	3	39	49	12		2			139
Sedge Wren															1 ed							1
Marsh Wren																1						1
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1			14	3	22	31	23	37	23	213	117	51	115	124	62	4	4		130	1018
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2			1	4		1	2	1	8	28		27	72 HC	29		1		9	198
Eastern Bluebird	4	51	100	61	23	80	36	116	44	121	44	147	139	82	265	350 HC	219	38	113	36	131	2474
Hermit Thrush		1			3		6	6	5	37	5	10	40	10	60	126 HC	42		6	2	14	408
American Robin		30	81	39	26	77	107	290	108	293	108	584	1147	238	1291	8910	212	274	152	184	205	16527
Gray Catbird									1		1	1	2									4
Northern Mockingbird			2		4	32	11	33	12	17	12	35	26	13	18	12	86	12	9	1	12	358
Brown Thrasher	1				1		2	1		5		2	11		5	17	8					54
European Starling	7	2507	1353	1214	3700	3085	10369	5087	6191	1668	6191	4335	7284	2713	2500	9600	62524	2738	2454	2702	771	136601
American Pipit													1	14			1					16
Cedar Waxwing		87	216	40	19	46	19	39	28	126	28	188	32	171	69	20	218	12	48	18	217	1626
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler		4	1			4	9	10	13	8	13	93	147	29	228	276	95		5		79	1225
Pine Warbler							38 HC RN						1			1					6 m	46
Common Yellowthroat								1														1
Spotted Towhee																	1					1
Eastern Towhee		1		2	6	3	12	11	3	13	3	23	30	10	18	27	85				48	312
American Tree Sparrow		155	79	10	234	45	182	77	69	43	69	14	197	461	41	39	84	149	57	2	18	1999
Field Sparrow	15			21	12		22	17	7	30	7	6	117	4	63	63	128	1	7		109	661
Savannah Sparrow					9		79	1	2	5	2	2	40	2	26	21	18	4	12		1	228
Le Conte's Sparrow							5			2			5		1	5						18
Fox Sparrow						1	9	2	6	2	6	2	25	1	18	47	5		4		19	163
Song Sparrow	1	27	26	24	148	42	215	63	50	150	50	114	474	217	229	267	206	40	84		173	2662
Lincoln's Sparrow																	1					1
Swamp Sparrow		12	1	7	9	7	56	23	49	31	49	48	301	95	107	143	211	2	8		10	1155
White-throated Sparrow		6	18	1	41	48	243	115	136	231	136	97	391	167	814	1082	965	97	51	38	388	5413
White-crowned Sparrow	1		22	12	37	35	32	55	114	6	114	6	169	74	47	35	251	52	73		18	1136
sparrow sp.						6																6
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco																2						2
Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco	43	301	428	213	203	293	375	234	209	416	209	469	496	448	617	947	489	131	532	91	678	8417
Lapland Longspur					23	38	15		1		1		2	917	95	1	4				2	1123
Snow Bunting							2							1		3						6
Northern Cardinal	40	229	212	102	81	349	196	219	162	291	162	235	365	374	374	485	365	183	235	95	189	5097
Indigo Bunting														cw								
Red-winged Blackbird		2			37	34	208356	87	80	16892	80	3688	11614	19	298	6000	142269	1627	52	10	1875	396810
Eastern Meadowlark					326	89	60	107	29	28	29	57	181	37	67	61	170	26			46	1318
Western Meadowlark																	1					1
meadowlark sp.						1																1
Rusty Blackbird		6				7	16022	12				51	115	2	1	1600	2043		15		26	19902
Brewer's Blackbird							10	2														12
Common Grackle				38	9	69	804452	804	1546	57120	1546	11194	19604	31	322	1200	140519	501	16		5415	1043410
Brown-headed Cowbird		3				7	2505		27	166	27	195	59	166	13	60	12771	54		200	81	16322
blackbird sp.					40	5	67000	4220	50		50	12700	840				513500	54545			6785	659685
Purple Finch	6	22	11	3		3		21	2	1	2	5	15	5	1		2			9	29	195
House Finch	22	51	97	33	7	64	3	88	39	32	39	10	33	65	21	135	25	46	31	10	33	933
Carpodacus sp.						2																2
Common Redpoll														1 rr								1
Pine Siskin						1	2		2		2	2										12
American Goldfinch	69	132	139	148	57	96	41	103	100	186	100	119	116	284	197	375	176	84	75	55	126	2846
Evening Grosbeak																						
House Sparrow	49	453	538	110	198	1573	151	170	163	62	163	13	84	1572	36	168	201	209	216	63	88	6251
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	15	237	40															186	116			594
Total Species	28	67	62	48	87	88	103	73	88	101	92	96	91	93	97	93	109	72	92	45	73	
Total Individuals	1274	13908	8115	3767	14528	16542	1261947	20885	29468	171495	29468	67532	71945	31348	75361	88103	900785	66711	38917	5116	19705	2930350

Field Notes

The 2005/2006 Winter Season

Field Notes drawing of Great Horned Owl by Peter Olson.

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The winter of 2005-2006 showed temperatures well below normal early and late in the season, but well above normal for most of the season. Illinois experienced six substantial winter storms with a variety of precipitation (rain, ice, snow), depending on the temperature at the time. Bird diversity was low compared with recent years, at 168 species compared with 177 species encountered in each of the previous two winters.

Temperatures in the first 2/3 of December were among the coldest in the last half-century, and were accompanied by significant precipitation. Light snowfalls (up to 1-2 inches) were recorded across much of Illinois on 1, 3, 6, 12, and 15 December. The first of two winter storms in this period, on 8 December, dropped 4-8 inches of snow. This was followed on 14 December by a storm producing 2-4 inches of snow and very strong winds with bitterly cold wind-chills. Conditions moderated in the last 1/3 of the month, resulting in temperatures substantially above normal by the last week of December.

January 2006 was one of the warmest on record, with several days in the 50s to low 60s across Illinois. For the most part January was fairly dry, but for 3 major storms. The first occurred on 2 January, as strong thunderstorms passed through the northern portion of the state, producing 1-2 inches of rain. The second moved through the state on 20 January under near-seasonal temperatures. This storm precipitated 3-6 inches of snow over northern Illinois, 4-8 inches of snow across the central third, but rain in the south. The third storm, on 27-28 January, dropped up to an inch of rain over most of the state.

Most of February continued the seasonal to slightly above normal temperatures, with only minor precipitation, but there were significant weather systems at mid-month. On 10 February, southern Illinois received 2 inches of snow and some freezing rain. The following day, 1-2 inches of snow fell over most of the state. Then on 15-16 February, the northern edge of the state was grazed by a front bringing about an inch of snow with ice and sleet, while the rest of the state experienced heavy rains. This front continued southward under high winds and very cold temperatures, with wind-chills at -20 to -30 F, and by 19 February it reached extreme southern Illinois, where it left 1-2 inches of snowfall.

While bird diversity was low this season, most of the expected wintering birds, along with a variety of lingering migrants and several "semi-hardy" species were encountered. Additionally, several species typically found only in the southern section of the state were also found further north. Comparatively few uncommon and accidental species were reported this winter, and very little early spring migratory movement was noted, even in late February.

Reduced numbers were generally reported for upland game birds, various waterbirds, shorebirds, gulls, owls, blackbirds, and "winter" finches. Several scarce but regularly occurring species went unreported, including White-winged Scoters, Gray Partridge, Red-throated Loon, Black-legged Kittiwake, White-winged Crossbill, and Evening Grosbeak. By contrast, most woodpeckers, thrushes, "semi-hardy" species (but see Johnson 2006 this issue), and sparrows were found in greater numbers. Some species groups, such as waterfowl, doves, and the non-migratory residents, showed roughly equal numbers of increases and declines across various species.

WATERFOWL TO VULTURES.

Thirty-four species of waterfowl were found in Illinois this winter. About half the species showed increases over recent years, and the other half appeared in smaller numbers. Greater White-fronted, Snow, and Ross's Geese continued to increase and were more widespread, particularly within southern concentration sites and/or the Chicago area. Canada and Cackling Geese were considerably less numerous this winter at their typical central and southern wintering grounds. Mute and Trumpeter Swans were slightly more common and widely distributed, while Tundra Swans occurred in considerably reduced numbers this winter.

With a few exceptions, puddle ducks again showed lower populations as compared to the recent past. There were, however, some noteworthy concentrations of Mallards and Northern Pintails in the south; see details below.

There were no reports of notably large numbers of any "diving ducks" this season. Nevertheless, three notable species were documented. An ongoing **Mottled Duck** in Springfield, an adult female **Harlequin Duck at Lake Decatur** overwintered, and three Harlequin Ducks were documented on Lake Michigan. A documentation of a female **Tufted Duck in Richland County** is pending IORC review.

Four species of upland gamebirds were noted this season, none in particularly good numbers. Northern Bobwhite went unreported from the central portion of the state. Only one report of Greater Prairie-Chickens was turned in from Prairie Ridge State Natural Area. There were no reports of Gray Partridge for the second consecutive winter.

There were no reports of Red-throated Loon this season, and Common Loon was found in sub-normal numbers. A single Eared Grebe at Rend Lake provided the sole noteworthy occurrence within its family. Both American White Pelican and Double-crested Cormorant were found in substantially lower numbers and were less widespread than in recent winters. Herons were also poorly represented, however, a Great Egret in northern Illinois in January was noteworthy. Only three reports for Black Vulture were submitted, while Turkey Vulture was found in fairly typical numbers.

DIURNAL RAPTORS TO GULLS.

Among the 13 species of diurnal raptors recorded this season, numbers were fairly typical. Although Bald Eagle concentrations were smaller this year, notable counts were obtained along the Mississippi River. Other noteworthy raptor numbers included good tallies of Northern Harriers at the Arklands Reclamation Area and Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, and up to 13 Cooper's Hawks in Champaign County.

American Coots were slightly more abundant this winter, but concentrations were confined to the south. Sandhill Cranes were considerably less numerous, especially in northeastern Illinois. The only sizable numbers were at the onset of spring migration.

Shorebirds were well represented during the period, with six species reported, with a rarely reported CBC species, **Spotted Sandpiper** (pending IORC review) being the most notable. Among these, Killdeer were substantially less common and widespread. There were no reports of Killdeer in the north, and five records of nine total American Woodcock, all in the south. By contrast, Wilson's Snipe was more numerous and widespread this winter. The only other relatively unusual shorebird identified this year was a late December **Dunlin** at Mermet Lake.

Gulls in general were in comparatively low numbers statewide, although Ring-billed, Herring, and Thayer's Gulls were found in respectable numbers in the north, and Carlyle Lake hosted up to **60,000 Ring-billed Gulls** at mid-winter. There were very few records of the scarcer arctic gulls outside northern Illinois, while Bonaparte's Gull went unrecorded north of Clinton Lake in central Illinois. The most unusual species found this winter was **California Gull,** with singles at Carlyle Lake and Lake Michigan.

PIGEONS TO KINGLETS

Rock Pigeon numbers were somewhat lower this year, but this may not be significant for this under-reported species. Eurasian Collared-Doves showed essentially stable numbers, but with gradually expanding distribution. Mourning Doves occurred in greater abundance, particularly in the northern and central sections of the state. Reports of Monk Parakeets were confined to the Chicago region.

A **Burrowing Owl** at Pyramid State Park in Perry County since mid-October remained much of the winter. Snowy Owls staged an impressive showing, especially across central Illinois, bringing up the southern vanguard of a very large invasion to the north, east and west of Illinois. Other species of owls were noted in fairly typical numbers, but with some increase in Short-eared Owl populations. There were no reports of Barn Owls this season. Woodpeckers were found in typical to slightly above-average numbers, and Red-headed Woodpecker seemed more widespread this season.

A **Say's Phoebe** was documented at Crane Lake in Mason County 17-20 December. Another **Say's Phoebe**—possibly the same individual—came from Cass County, about ten miles distant from the Crane Lake sighting. Loggerhead Shrike numbers were somewhat down this winter, and confined to the south, while Northern Shrikes staged yet another impressive invasion, although most records were confined to the northern third of the state, especially the Greater Chicago region, with only a few birds making it to central Illinois.

American Crow and Black-capped Chickadee remained in somewhat reduced numbers this winter, saved for the large, annual roosts in central Illinois while numbers for allied permanent residents were typical (Carolina Chickadee) to above-average (Blue Jay, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch). However, all these common residents are doubtless under-reported. Red-breasted Nuthatch showed one notable count of 23 individuals at Champaign County.

One Tree Swallow was reported this season, but two extremely late **Barn Swallows** were in Union County on 30 December with one there 28 December. Carolina and Winter Wren numbers were healthy this winter. Since House Wrens often go entirely unrecorded in winter, a total of four individuals this season was high. Marsh Wrens have become almost annual in recent years, so this year's two reports come as no surprise, but the **Sedge Wren** at the Union County Conservation Area was somewhat rarer. Both Kinglets were in good numbers in southern Illinois but were sparingly reported elsewhere.

THRUSHES TO WEAVER FINCHES.

The three expected species of thrushes found this winter were widespread in good to excellent numbers. Hermit Thrush numbers were among the highest on record, and a

roost of **8000 American Robins** in Cook County was quite exceptional. Mimids were typically scarce, except for an amazing **12 (!) Gray Catbirds** throughout Illinois, mirroring increased winter reports throughout the midwest. Since few observers bother to count European Starlings, a tally approaching 60,000 birds in Massac County is noteworthy. Populations for the erratic Cedar Waxwing were strong this season.

Three species of warblers were encountered. Yellow-rumped Warblers appeared in extremely good numbers in southern Illinois in particular. In addition, Orange-crowned Warbler was found at two sites, while Pine Warblers were reported from only two southern Illinois locations.

Seventeen species of sparrows were reported this season. Most species were found in fairly typical numbers, with increased numbers overall from last year, although numbers for Song Sparrows were somewhat reduced. Scarcer species included single **Spotted Towhees** at two sites, two Vesper Sparrows in Lee County, seven Le Conte's Sparrows at four locations, three Lincoln's Sparrows, and one **Harris's Sparrow**. No large concentrations of Snow Buntings were noted, but a few individuals made it to far southern Illinois. Notable high counts among the sparrows included 25 Eastern Towhees, 985 American Tree Sparrows, 150 Swamp Sparrows, 475 White-throated Sparrows, and 1500 Lapland Longspurs.

As a printing aid, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

MC	=	maximum counts from representative areas of the state
*	=	documented observation
m.ob.	=	many observers
<	=	late fall departure
>	=	early spring arrival
n.d.	=	no documentation
ad.	=	adult
imm.	=	immature
1st/2nd/3rd	=	first-/second-/third-winter plumage
Co(s)	=	County (Counties)
CP	=	County Park
FP	=	Forest Preserve
L	=	Lake
L&D	=	Lock and Dam
NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge
P	=	Park
R	=	River
SF	=	State Forest
SF&WA	=	State Fish & Wildlife Area
SNA	=	State Natural Area
SNP	=	State Nature Preserve
SP	=	State Park
Twp	=	Township
WA	=	Wildlife Area

Information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is included when available; no number indicates single birds. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s) who made the report. Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**. Headings for species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter are **CAPITALIZED**. Headings for species requiring review by the IORC are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]; see forthcoming IORC reports in this journal for further details.

Ark.	=	Arklands Reclamation Area (Perry Co)
Carl.L	=	Carlyle Lake (Clinton & Fayette Cos)
Chinquapin Psv	=	Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
Chi	=	Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co)
Clin.L	=	Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)
Cyp Crk	=	Cypress Creek NWR (Johnson and Pulaski Cos.)
(L) Decatur	=	(Lake) Decatur (Macon Co)
East Fork L	=	East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
Fermi	=	Fermilab National Accelerator Laboratory (Du Page Co)
Green Wing Lab	=	Green Wing Environmental Laboratory (Lee Co)
HL	=	Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
HLCA	=	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP	=	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
JP	=	Chicago's Jackson Park (Cook Co)
LCal	=	Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
Chau	=	Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
M.Arb.	=	Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
Mermet L	=	Mermet Lake (Massac Co)
Miss. R	=	Mississippi River (various Cos)
Oakwood Btms	=	Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
Pr.Rdg	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
QC	=	"Quad Cities" (Rock Island/Moline area) (Rock Island Co)
Rend L	=	Rend Lake (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
Rockfd	=	Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)
Sand Rdg	=	Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
SRock	=	Starved Rock State Park (La Salle Co)
UCCA	=	Union Co C.A. (Union Co)
Urbana	=	Champaign-Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wauk.	=	Waukegan and vicinity (Lake Co)
Winthrop H	=	Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

Maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three regions of Illinois (north, central, and south) as mapped out in H. David Bohlen's 1978 *Annotated check-list of the birds of Illinois*. Representative high counts from subsections within these regions are included for many species. Additional data reflecting the progress of the season are noted, when available, for species and areas of special interest. The species accounts below follow the taxonomy and nomenclature of the 7th edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-list of North American Birds*, through its 47th (2006) Supplement.

Northern Cardinal numbers were slightly higher than last year, although, as with other common resident species, available data are largely confined to Christmas Bird Count results. Single wintering **Indigo Buntings** were found at two sites in southern Illinois.

Blackbird numbers were lower for most species over much of the state, but huge concentrations occurred in the south, especially at the Arklands Reclamation Area in Perry County, at Massac County, and at Rend Lake. The most staggering high count was of **16,000 Rusty Blackbirds** at Arklands. A tally of **326 Eastern Meadowlarks** at Jasper County is among the highest ever recorded for this species in Illinois.

It was not a flight year for "winter finches," and both numbers and diversity among finches were unimpressive. House Sparrow populations appeared to be fairly typical, while Eurasian Tree Sparrow showed slight increases.

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Snow Goose, left, and Ross's Goose, right, flying over Montrose Point, Cook County. 18 February 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.

Winter 2005-2006 Field Notes

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: **15,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 7,500, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 4,314, Chau, 20 Jan (RGB, SNB); 4,000, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK); 3,800, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 425, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM); 54, River Bend FP (Champaign Co), 19 Feb (CA);. **Others** (north & east)**:** 38, Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 23 Feb (BL); 25, Clin. L, 6 Feb (RD); 16, La Salle L (La Salle Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 9, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 14 Jan (*EWW); 3, Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 31 Jan (BP); New Milford (Winnebago Co), 1 Jan (DTW); Long Grove (Lake Co), 19 Feb (CSF). Widespread with continued increases, particularly in southern and west-central regions.

Snow Goose

MC: **300,000**, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); **90,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 50,000, Rend L, 24 Feb (KAM); 37,714 (24,588 white morph, 13,126 blue morph), Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 20,000, Grand Chain (Pulaski Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 10,000, Macon Co, 25 Feb (TAM); 7,700, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 1,400, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 28, Chi, 25 Feb (UWG); 27 (23 white morph, 4 blue morph), Burnham (Cook Co), 19 Feb (CAM, WJM, PAD). **Others** (central & north)**:** 250, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 200, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 18 Feb (DJS); 80, Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 31 Jan (BP); 24, La Salle L (La Salle Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 3 (white morph), Long Grove (Lake Co), 26 Feb (CSF).

Ross's Goose

MC: **200**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 23, UCCA, 18 Jan (KAM); 12, Clin. L., 25 Feb> (GSL et al., fide SDB); 6, Coles Co, 15-16 & 20 Jan (LBH, RCF); 5, Chi, 19 Feb (CAM, RDH, PM, PAD, m.ob.).

Ross's Goose, above left and right, at Palos, Cook County on 28 February 2006. Photos by Jerry Kumery.

Ross's Geese (two in foreground) and Snow Geese at Montrose Point, Cook County. 18 February 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec. These birds were present for some time and seen by many.

Others: 6, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 4, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 3, Macon Co, 25 Feb (TAM); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK, KAM); 2, Chau, 8 Jan (KAM); 2, Urbana, 28 Feb> (GSL); Rockfd, 2-4 Dec (DTW); HLCA, 28-29 Dec (SDB, HDB); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 29 Dec (CLH); JP, 7 Jan (JSM, KMC); Wolf L, LCal, 7 Jan (WJM); Flora (Clay Co), 8 Feb (CLH). More abundant this winter, and more widespread in the Chicago area.

Canada Goose

MC: 4,615, Chau, 20 Jan (RGB, SNB); 4,500, Rockfd, 31 Dec (DTW); 4,100, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 3,840, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 2,400, Oregon (Ogle Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 2,400, Grundy Co, 22 Jan (KAM); 2,100, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 2,000, Winthrop H, 2 Dec (KAM); 1,964, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,950, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 1,750, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 1,350, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 21 Jan (EWW). Reduced numbers again, especially at traditional southern and central concentration sites.

Cackling Goose

MC: 300, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 175, Rockfd, 2 Dec (DTW); 85 & 100, UCCA, 30 Dec & 18 Jan (SDB, KAM resp.); 67, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 62, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 55, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 45, L Decatur, 17 Dec & 2 Jan (TAM). **Others:** 12, Urbana, 17 Dec (fide EJC); 12, Lee Co, 24 Dec (CK, TG, KJM); 8, Chau, 13 Jan & 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 7, JP, 26 Feb> (PRC); 6, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 22 Jan (DMK); 5, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 14 Jan (EWW); 4, CypCrk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 29 Jan (LLH); 3, Mundelein (Lake Co), 13 Feb (SDB); 2, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA); 2, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 29 Dec (UWG); 2, Fermi, 4 Feb (UWG); Wilmington (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA). Considerably less numerous this winter.

Mute Swan

MC: 44, Wolf L, LCal (Cook Co), 7 & 19 Jan (WJM, CAM); 28, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (UWG); 19, Spring L (Tazewell Co), 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 12, Third L (Lake Co), 2 Jan (EWW); 10, JP, 1 Jan (PRC, KMC). **Others:** 8, L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM); 7, HL, 26 Dec (FRH); 4, Kickapoo SP, (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec-11 Jan (SDB); Wolf Lake (Union Co), 30 Dec (SDB).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 20 ad., Oakwd Btms, 27 Dec (DG); 19, Wolf L (Union Co), 30 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 12 (10 ad., 2 imm), Homer (Vermilion Co), 26 Feb> (JOS); 8 ad., Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); 4 ad., Miss. R (Carroll Co), 15 Dec (*EAA, DGW); 4, Chau, 6 Jan-16 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others:** 2, Rock R (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec (*KR); 2, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 27 Dec (PR, AMR); 2, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 2, Wolf L, LCal, 30 Dec-19 Jan (*CAM, WJM, m.ob.); Wauk., 3 Dec (AFS); imm., Macon Co, 15-21 Jan> (TAM, SDB).

Tundra Swan

MC: 30, Chau, 1 Jan-28 Feb (RGB, SNB); 6, Cook Co, 4 Dec (AFS); 4, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB). **Others:** 3, East Fork L, 12-16 Dec (CLH, RES); 2 ad., Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 15 Dec (*KJM, RTS, MK); 2 ad., Macon Co, 21 Jan> (TAM); Jasper Co, 23 Dec (CLH); Gaskin L, 19 & 26 Jan (CLH). Greatly reduced numbers, with no concentrations.

Wood Duck

MC: 97, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 20, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 15, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 11, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 4, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); 2 female, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 2, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB,GSL); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB).

Gadwall

MC: 400, Wilmington (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA); 326, Chau, 20 Jan (RGB, SNB); 200, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 200, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK); 174, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB).

American Wigeon

MC: 460, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); 117, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 10, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM); 2 (pair), Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 30 Dec (REF, KDF). Few other reports outside southern Illinois.

Northern Pintail/Mallard hybrid at Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 1 January 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

American Black Duck

MC: 85, Carl.L, 12 Dec (KAM); 49, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 34, Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 21 & 23, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec & 11 Jan resp. (SDB); 14, Miss. R (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 14, Fermi, 3 Jan (EES). **Others:** 13, Rockfd, 26 Dec (DTW); 12, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 11, Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); 10, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 8, L Decatur, 2 Jan (TAM).

Mallard

MC: **150,000**, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); **80,000**, Carl.L, 8 Jan (DMK); 15,969, Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 3,982, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,342, Rock R (Lee & Whiteside Cos), 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,182, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 1,168, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 19,150, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 16,502, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 10,600, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 3,000, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 800, Fermi, 3 Jan (EES); 425, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB); 354, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.). More abundant this winter, especially in the south.

MOTTLED DUCK

Springfield (Sangamon Co), 18 Dec (HDB, fide SDB). Likely the same bird that has been present off and on for some time.

Blue-winged Teal

male, Mermet L, **31 Dec** (KAM, DMK); male, Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); Crane Lake (Mason Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB); Perc Marquette (Jersey Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB).

Northern Shoveler

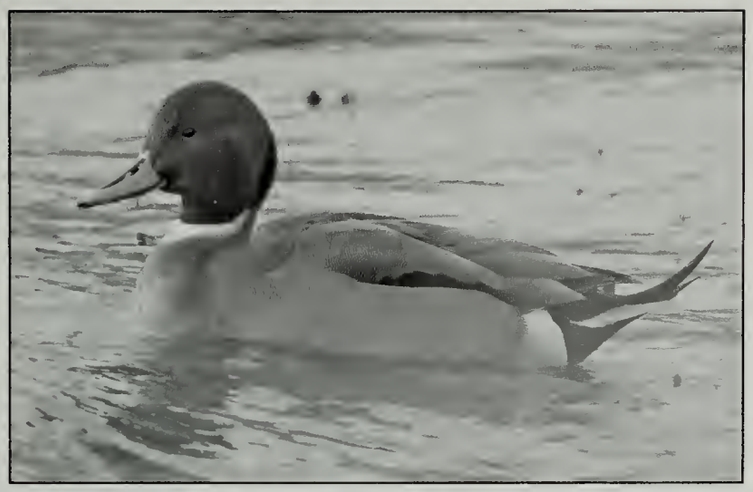
MC: 2,000, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 72, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 40, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 33, Chau, 3 Feb (RGB, SNB); 25, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 20, Long Grove (Lake Co), 8 Jan (CSF); 10, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB).

Northern Pintail

MC: 2,625, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 1,500, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 1,100, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 782, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 675, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB,HDB). **Others:** 10, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB); 6, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 6, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB). Slight increases, but overall numbers still lower than in recent past.

Green-winged Teal

MC: 350, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 250, HL, 3 Dec (FRH); 200, Jasper Co, 11 Jan (CLH); 108, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB). **Others** (central & north): 3, L Decatur, 25 Feb (TAM); 2, Chau, 9 Dec (RGB, SNB); 2, Miss. R (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 2, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 22 Jan (UWG); male, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB); male, Rock Cut SP



(Winnebago Co), 27-30 Dec (DTW). Reduced numbers outside of south.

Canvasback

MC: 4,000, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 500, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK); 350, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 115, L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM); 58, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north away from Miss. R): 15, Wolf L, LCal, 31 Jan (CAM); 11, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (UWG); 7, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 27 Feb (DTW); 2, Sencca (La Salle Co), 10 & 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW).

Redhead

MC: 200, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK); 72, Winthrop H, 15 Jan (EWW); 36, Macon Co, 18 Feb (KAM); 26, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB). **Others:** 20, HL, 17 Jan (JPZ); 14, Chi, 2 Dec (CAM); 13, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 11, Sencca (La Salle Co), 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 5 (3 male, 2 female), JP, 29 Jan (PRC); 5, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 27 Feb (DTW). Slightly less common, but widespread.

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 3,302, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 3,000, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 2,150, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2,150, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 20 Jan (KAM); 1,500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 533, Chau, 3 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 75, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM); 5, Kane Co, 29 Dec (UWG); 5, Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (UWG).

[TUFTED DUCK

Richland Co, 16 Dec]

Greater Scaup

MC: 764, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 100, Chi, 31 Jan (CAM); 30, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 12, East Fork L, 16 Dec (CLH). **Others** (away from L Michigan): 6, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK, FKB); 2, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 2, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 15 Jan (SMF); male, Decatur, 26 Dec (UWG); HL, 1 & 29 Jan (FRH); female, L Decatur, 11-12 Feb (TAM).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 5,000, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 3,000, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 468, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 302, Little Calumet R, LCal, 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB); 200, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR). Widespread in good numbers.

HARLEQUIN DUCK

MC: 3 (1 male, 2 female), Chi, 7 Feb thru 8 Apr (JSS, *UWG, m.ob., photos). Immature molted into full alternate plumage by late Feb. **Others:** ad. female, LDecatur, 17 Dec-25 Feb (*TAM, *UWG, *HDG, *GCL, m.ob.) – see 12th IORC report in last issue.

Male Harlequin Duck, North Ave. Beach, Chicago Cook County, 22 February 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.

Surf Scoter
2 (pair), Winthrop H, 26 Feb (AFS); female, L Decatur, 11 Feb (TAM, m.ob.).

Black Scoter
Clin.L, 2 Jan (*fide SDB).

Long-tailed Duck
MC: 19, Wauk., 28 Jan (AFS); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK). 2 (females), Winthrop H, 11 Feb (SDB, SLD). **Others:** Illini SP (La Salle Co), 11 Dec (DJS); Miss. R (Hancock Co), 27 Dec (PR, AMR); UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 11 & 15 Jan (SMF); female, L Decatur, 10-12 & 18 Feb (MFD, TAM, KAM);). Poor numbers.

Bufflehead
MC: 58 & 30, Winthrop H, 2 Jan & 11 Feb (EWW & SDB, SLD resp.); 40, Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 24 Feb (KAM); 30, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 25 (14 male, 11 female/imm.), JP, 15 Jan (PRC); 6, Chau, 27 Jan (RGB, SNB); 6, L Decatur, 12 Feb (TAM). Rather low numbers.

Common Goldeneye
MC: 5,000, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 2,000, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 1,500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 265, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 250, Macon Co, 2, 15 & 21 Jan (TAM, SDB); 160, Winthrop H, 17 Feb (KAM); 157, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 136, Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). Slightly more numerous in the south; poor numbers in north.

Hooded Merganser
MC: 850, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 107, Chau, 13 Jan (RGB, SNB); 50, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 50, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 15, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 27 Dec (PR, AMR); 15, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM); 10 (3 male, 7 female), Wauk., 1 Jan (EWW); 8, Wauk, 8 Jan (SDB, SLD); 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB).

Common Merganser
MC: 1,545, Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); 823, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 750, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); 600, Woodford Co, 25 Feb (DJS); 500, Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 300, JP, 14 Feb> (PRC); 200, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 125, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD). Considerably less abundant this winter.

Red-breasted Merganser
MC: 1,100, JP, 11 Jan (PRC); 862, Chi, 12 Jan (GAW); 300, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK). **Others:** 104, Wolf L, LCal (Cook Co), 5 Feb (WJM); 8, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 7, HL, 6 Feb (KAM); 3 male, East Fork L, 10 Feb (CLH); 2 (pair), L Decatur, 11-12 Feb (TAM); 2, Clear L (Mason Co), 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); female, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB); female, L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec (*TM, MK, RS). More numerous in the north, and slightly less abundant in the central and south.

Ruddy Duck
MC: 300, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 175, HL, 6 Feb (KAM); 112, Chau, 3 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 6, Macon Co, 12 Feb (TAM); 2 (pair), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); LCal (Cook Co), 11 Dec (CAM); JP, 14 Dec< (PRC). Considerably less abundant throughout the state.

Ring-necked Pheasant
MC: 20, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); 13, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB,GSL); 12, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); 11, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 8, Oregon (Ogle Co), 24 Dec (KRW, JD); 7, Urbana, 17 Dec (RD). **Others:** 6, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 5, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 4, Clin.L, 1 & 9 Jan (RD); 2, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Bolingbrook (Will Co), 18 Dec (UWG); Henry Co, 21 Jan (SBH); Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK). First winter reports from south since January 1999; low numbers elsewhere.

Greater Prairie-Chicken
52, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.)—the only report.

Long-tailed Duck at the Gull Frolic. Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 11 February 2006. Photo by Eric Secker.

Wild Turkey
MC: 183, Wayne Co, 25 Feb (RES); 122, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 53, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 43, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 42, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 34, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 15, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 17 Dec (LLH). **Others:** 33, Blaine (Boone Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 28, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 22, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 16, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 13, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 9, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH); 7, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 4, Urbana, all winter (RD, EJC, m.ob.); 3, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 4 Feb (UWG). Less abundant statewide.

Northern Bobwhite
MC: 29, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 18, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (RN, EAA); 17, Jasper Co, 3 Feb (RES); 13, Edwards Co, 5 Dec (RES). **Others:** 12, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK, KAM, CPA); 10, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 8, Grassy Slough Preserve (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 7, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); HL, 29 Jan (FRH). Less abundant and widespread overall; no reports from central Illinois.

Common Loon
6, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 2, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM). Unusually few reports.

Pied-billed Grebe
MC: 26, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 22, HL, 3 Dec (FRH); 4, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 2, Grundy Co, 15 Jan (AFS). **Others:** 15, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 10, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 6, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); 2, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 4 Dec (DMK); JP, 4 Dec< (PRC); LCal, 11 Dec (WJM); Chau, 16 Dec (RGB, SNB).

Horned Grebe
6, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 4, Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); HL, 4 Dec< (FRH); Jasper Co, 10 Feb (CLH); Gaskin L (Clay Co), 28 Feb (CLH). Considerably less common this winter, and confined to the south.

EARED GREBE
Rend L, 17 Dec (*DMK).

American White Pelican
MC: 350, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 153, Pere Marquette (Jersey Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB); 100, Madison Co, 10 Feb (FRH); 13, Clear L (Mason Co), 24 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others:** 14, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 2, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 11 Jan (SMF); Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 18 Dec (*KJM, SBH, SC). Less numerous and widespread this winter.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 28, Rend L, 24 Feb (KAM); 20, Carl.L, 12 Dec (KAM); 19, LCal, 17 Dec (WJM); 10, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW). **Others:** 8, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 5 Jan (SMF); 5 (1 ad., 4 imm.), Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co), 5 Feb (AFS); Winthrop H, 2 Dec (KAM); East Fork L, 12-17 Dec (CLH); Clin.L, 26 Dec (UWG); HL, 15 Jan (FRH). Far less abundant and widespread this winter.

Great Blue Heron

MC: 98, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 55, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 31, HLCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 13, Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 3 Jan (KJM, CB); 13, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 11, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB). **Others** (central & north)**:** 10, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); 5, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 5, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 3, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 3, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC); 2, Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); JP, 4 Dec< (PRC). Less numerous overall this winter.

GREAT EGRET

Channahon (Will Co), 8 Jan (*UWG), Meredosia Island (Cass/Morgan Co), 15 Dec (fide SDB); Pere Marquette (Jersey Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 17, L Cal (Cook Co), 31 Dec (fide SDB); 4, Chi, 18 Dec (fide SDB). **Other:** Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (fide SDB).

Black Vulture

All records: 26, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 25, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 8, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM). Low numbers.

Turkey Vulture

MC: 72, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 63, Edwards Co, 11 Feb (RES); 24 & 5, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec & 10 Feb resp. (SDB). **Others:** 35, Jasper Co, 23 Dec (CLH); 32, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 15, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 14, Carl.L, 7 Jan (DMK); 7, Richland Co, 31 Dec (RES); 4, Clay Co, 27 Jan (CLH); 4, Du Page Co, 1 Feb (REF, KDF); HL, 15 Dec< (FRH); Henderson Co, 15 Jan (KJM); Urbana, 4 Feb> (GSL).

Bald Eagle

MC: **626** (333 ad., 270 imm., 23 unknown), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 14 Jan (KJM); **470** (257 ad., 200 imm., 13 unknown), QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC, m.ob.); 403 (205 ad., 198 imm.), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM, RTS); 376 (205 ad., 171 imm.), Miss. R (Hancock Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 295 (115 ad., 178 imm., 2 unknown), Miss. R (Mercer Co), 16 Jan (KJM). **Others:** 78, Bureau, Putnam & Marshall Cos, 25 Feb (DJS); 38 (15 ad., 23 imm.), Chau, 31 Dec (RGB, SNB); 20 (10 ad., 9 imm., 1 unknown), Miss. R (Henderson Co), 15 Jan (KJM); 12 (7 ad., 5 imm.), Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 8 (2 ad., 6 imm.), HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 8 (7 ad., 1 imm.), Miss. R (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (KJM); 8 (3 ad., 5 imm.), Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK); 8, Woodford Co, 25 Feb (DJS); 7 (1 ad., 6 imm.), Heidecke L (Grundy Co), 15 Jan (AFS); 6 (1 ad., 5 imm.), Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 6 (ad.), UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), East Fork L, 11 Dec (CLH); 3 ad., Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), L Decatur, 17 & 29 Dec (TAM); 2, Saganashkee Slough (Cook Co), 25 Jan (REF, KDF); 2 ad., Lawrence Co, 31 Jan (CLH); 2 ad., Gaskin L (Clay Co), 31 Jan (CLH); ad., Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); ad.,Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 13 Feb > (SDB). Reduced numbers along Miss. R.

Northern Harrier

MC: **56**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); **40**, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.); 7, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 7, Rockfd, 17 Dec (DTW); 7 (3 ad. male, 4 others), Rollins Savanna (Lake Co), 16 Jan (EWW); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (WAB, KH, m.ob.); 5, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB). **Others** (central & north): 4, St. Anne (Kankakee Co), 3 Jan (SDB); 3, QC, 18 Dec (KR, m.ob.); 3, Chau, 20 Jan (RGB, SNB); 3, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 21 Jan (EWW); 2 (pair), Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 2, Woodford Co, 6 Jan (MF); JP, 4 Dec< (PRC); male, L Decatur, 17 Dec (TAM); Clin.L, 17 Dec (RD); ad. male, Scott Co, 12 Feb (EWW); McDonough Co, 22 Feb (LLH).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 3, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 3, QC, 18 Dec (KR, m.ob.); 3, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2 (1 male, 1 imm. female), Bushnell (McDonough Co), 3 Jan & 20 Feb (LLH). **Others:** 2, HL, all winter (JPZ); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2, Lee Co, 24 Dec (CK, TG, KJM); 2, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 7 Jan (CLH); 2, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), M.Arb., 12 & 19 Feb (UWG). Widespread as singles elsewhere.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: **13**, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 4, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (m.ob. fide SDB); 4, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 4, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), River Forest (Cook Co), 4 Dec-27 Feb (JSA); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 3, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 3, St. Anne (Kankakee Co), 3 Jan (SDB). Widespread as ones and twos.

Northern Goshawk

imm., Urbana, 8, 10 & 17 Dec (EJC, RD & SDB, GSL resp.), seen stooping on pheasants (SDB); imm., Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, *VL, SJ); Menard Co, 6 Jan (EES); ad., La Grange Highlands (Cook Co), 21 Feb (RCR, NPB); imm., Madison Co, 24 Feb (JPZ).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 6, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 5, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB). **Others:** 4, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 4, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 3, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 3 ad., Richland Co, 6 Jan (CLH); 3 (2 ad., 1 imm.), Clay Co, 11 Jan & 21 Feb (CLH); 3, Carl.L, 12 Feb (DMK); 2 imm., HL, all winter (JPZ); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 2 Dec (DTW); 2, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 2, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (KJM); 2 ad., Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 30 Jan (CLH); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB): Chau, 23 Dec (RGB, SNB); ad., Palatine (Cook Co), 25 Dec-19 Feb (CSF); ad., Oregon (Ogle Co), 26 Dec (DTW); Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 21 Jan (CLH); Blackwell FP (Du Page Co), 4 Feb (UWG); Geneseo (Henry Co), 12 Feb (SBH); Champaign Co, 13 Feb (RD). Somewhat more numerous and widespread.

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 41, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 38, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 38, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 35, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 34, Bureau Co, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 26, Lake Co to Iroquois Co, 3 Jan (SDB); 18, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 18, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 16, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR)15, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 15, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 15, Woodford Co, 14 Jan (MF); 13, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 13, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH). **Others:** "Krider's Hawk," Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 20 Jan (KAM); ad. dark morph, Madison Co, 22 Jan (JPZ, SM); dark morph, Logan Co, 22 Jan (KAM); ad., intermediate, rufous morph "Western," Urbana (same location as previous two winters), 9 Feb (SDB). More numerous this winter.

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 10, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 5, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, AT, ET); 4, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 3, Woodford Co, all winter (MF); 2, St. Anne (Kankakee Co), 3 Jan (SDB). **Others** (south & central)**:** Carl.L, 3 Dec (DMK); Johnson Co, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 7 Jan (TAM, DMK); Chau, 13 Jan (RGB, SNB); Champaign Co, 28 Jan (DT); Clin.L, 6 & 13 Feb (RD); Menard Co, 13 Feb (KAM). Numbers similar to last year.

Golden Eagle
imm., Carl.L, 10 & 12 Dec (*DMK, KAM, MAM, AFS); imm., Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 17 Dec (*WCR, *RK); imm., Chau, 31 Dec (RGB, SNB); ad., Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 24 Feb (KAM).

American Kestrel
MC: 23, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 22, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (WZ, m.ob.); 21, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (WAB, KH, m.ob.); 20, Perry Co, 12 Dec (KAM); 20, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 15, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 15, Mason, Fulton & McDonough Cos, 8 Jan (LLH); 13, Woodford Co, 31 Dec (MF); 11, Bureau, Putnam & La Salle Cos, 31 Jan (DJS); 10, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 9, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 8, Clin.L, 13 Feb (RD); 7, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB).

Merlin
Clinton Co, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 17 Dec (*WCR); male, Chi, 18 Dec (AFS); ad. male, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); ad. male, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (*KJM); Ark., 25 Dec (*KJM); Henderson Co, 28 Dec (*WAB, KH); Rockfd, 1 Jan (DTW); Menard Co, 6 Jan (EES); Butterworth P (Rock Island Co), 11 Jan (SMF); Champaign (Champaign Co), 26 Jan (RFB fide SDB); HL, 5 Feb (FRH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull at the Annual Gull Frolic. Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 11 February 2006. Photo by Eric Secker.

Adult California Gull, Lake Calumet, Cook County on 4 February 2006. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Peregrine Falcon
MC: 2, JP, all winter (PRC, KMC); 2, Normal (McLean Co), 13 Feb (AC); 2, Rock Island (Rock Island Co), 24 Feb (SMF). **Others:** Urbana, (imm., possible 'Peale's' race; banded), 12 Dec-27 Feb (EJC, RD, SDB, GLS, m.ob.); ad., Saganashkee Slough FP (Cook Co), 18 Dec (WJM, WSS); ad., Rockfd, 26 Dec (DTW); East St. Louis (St. Clair Co), 10 & 27 Jan (KAM); imm., Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 21 Jan (REF, KDF); LCal, 4 Feb (CAM, TLK, CAT). Reported in typical low numbers.

PRAIRIE FALCON
Savoy (Champaign Co), 22-23 Jan (*GSL, *RLJ fide SDB).

VIRGINIA RAIL
Hidden Lake FP (DuPage Co), 18 Dec (*JDC, *LG fide SDB).

American Coot
MC: **10,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 600, Carl.L, 11 Dec (KAM); 82, Chau, 10 Feb (RGB, SNB); 26, LCal, 1 Dec (CAM); 22, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 13, JP, 4 Dec (PRC). **Others:** 400, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 275, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); 71, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 15, Macon Co, 15 & 21 Jan (TAM, SDB); 10, Third L (Lake Co), 2 Jan (EWW); 6, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 5, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 6 Dec (DTW).

Sandhill Crane
MC: **240**, East Fork L, 28 Feb (CLH); 50, Du Page Co, 27 Feb (UWG); **Others:** 12, Danville (Vermilion Co), 16 Feb> (BL); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2, Lake Co, 25 Feb> (AFS); Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 31 Dec (DT, et al.); Thorn Creek (Will Co), 2 Jan (fide SDB); Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 7 Jan (TAM, WSS, CA, SF, m.ob.); Logan Co, 22 Jan (KAM). Considerably lower numbers this winter, especially in the northeast.

Killdeer
MC: 30, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 21, HLCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 15, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 3 Dec (EES); 10, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 10, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, HL, 26 Jan (FRH); 5, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 4, Chau, 16 Feb (RGB, SNB); 3, Marion Co, 27 Jan (CLH); 3, Macon Co, 25 Feb> (TAM). Less abundant overall this year; no reports from north.

[SPOTTED SANDPIPER
Rend L, 17 Dec] If accepted, this apparently would be only the third winter record for Illinois.

LEAST SANDPIPER
12, Mermet L, 31 Dec (*FKB fide SDB).

DUNLIN
Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK, FKB).

Wilson's Snipe
MC: 33, HLCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 10, Madison Co, 16 Dec (FRH); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 4, Grassy Slough Preserve (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). **Others:** 3, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 3, Urbana, 17 Dec (GSL, SDB); 3, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (RAM, ALM); 3, Mason Co, 23 Dec (LLH); 2, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 2, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB). More numerous and widespread this winter.

American Woodcock
3, Ark., 25 Dec (fide SDB); 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (fide SDB); 2, Edwards Co, 26 Feb (RES); White Co, 17 Dec (RES); Clay Co, 24 Feb (CLH).

PARASITIC JAEGER
Chi, 25 Dec, (*SH fide SDB).

Bonaparte's Gull
MC: 300, HL, 4 Dec (FRH); 100, Clin.L, 9 Jan & 26 Feb (RD); 50, Wabash R (Wabash Co), 15 Feb (CLH); 40, Olmstead (Pulaski Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 30, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 16, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 12, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 4 Dec (DMK). Low numbers; no reports from north.

Ring-billed Gull
MC: **60,000**, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 5,000, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 3,500, Tazewell Co, 8 Jan (KAM); 3,500, L Decatur, 21 Jan (TAM); 1,600, SRock, 10 Dec (DJS); 1,500, St. Clair Co, 6 Feb (KAM); 1,009, Chau, 24 Feb (RGB, SNB); 700, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 598, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 438, Chi, 7 Dec (GAW).

Glaucous Gull at Annual Gull Frolic, North Point Marina, Lake County. 11 February 2006. Photo by Eric Secker.

CALIFORNIA GULL

1st , Carl.L, 3 Dec (*DMK); ad., Chi, 4 Feb (*WJM, RDH, CAM).

Herring Gull

MC: 3,500, Winthrop H, 11 Feb (GAW); 2,400, SRock, 10 Dec (DJS); 1,280, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,100, LCal (Cook Co), 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB); 600, Tazewell Co, 8 Jan (KAM); 576, Rock R (Lee Co), 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 200, Rockfd, 22 Dec (DTW); 60, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK).

Thayer's Gull

MC: 10 (7 ad., 2 1st, 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 11 Feb (GAW); 6 (3 ad., 3 1st), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 12 Feb (SMF). **Others:** 2 (1 ad., 1 2nd), Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 2 ad., SRock, 28 Dec (DJS); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st), LCal, 31 Dec (WJM); 2nd, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 5 Jan (SMF); 1st, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK)—the only report outside northern Illinois.

Iceland Gull

2 ad., Winthrop H, 25 Feb (AFS); 2nd, Winthrop H, 1 Jan (EWW); 1st, Tazewell Co, 8 Jan (KAM); 1st, Kane Co, 29 Jan (GAW); 1st, Winthrop H, 11 Feb (SDB, m.ob.); 1st, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 24 Feb (SMF); ad. "Kumlien's," LCal, 25 Feb (WJM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 4 (1 ad., 1 1st, 2 2nd), Carl.L, 4 Dec (DMK); 4 (3 1st, 1 ad.), Winthrop H, 1 Jan (EWW); 4 (3 ad., 1 2nd), Winthrop H, 11 Feb (GAW, SDB). **Others:** 2, SRock, 23 Dec (DJS); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 5 Jan (SMF); 2 ad., Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 8 Feb (DTW); 3rd, Winthrop H, 3 Dec (AFS); ad., Geneva (Kane Co), 8 Dec (DJS); ad., Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2nd, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 28 Dec (SMF); 1st, Tazewell Co, 8 Jan (KAM); ad., L Decatur, 15 Jan-12 Feb (TAM, m.ob.); 3rd, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 12 Feb (SMF). Fairly typical numbers reported.

Glaucous Gull

MC: 4 (1 ad., 2 1st, 1 3rd), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 5 Jan (SMF). **Others:** 2, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 2 ad., Winthrop H, 11 Feb (GAW, SDB); ad., SRock, 26 Dec (DJS); 1st, Winthrop H, 2 Jan (EWW); 2nd, Winthrop H, 25 Feb (AFS); ad., Wolf L, LCal, 25 Feb (WJM). Rather low numbers and confined to the north.

Great Black-backed Gull

ad., Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 1 Jan (DA, RZ, BZ, m.ob.); 1st, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 7 & 15 Jan (SMF); ad., Chi, 22 Jan (AFS); ad., Winthrop H, 29 Jan (AFS); 1st, Winthrop H, 11 Feb (GAW, SDB,UWG). Very low numbers and confined to L Michigan and northern Miss. R.

Rock Pigeon

MC: **3,000**, Cook Co, 18 Dec (WJM, WSS); 823, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (SBH, m.ob.); 750, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 75, Carl.L, 7 Jan (DMK); 62, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 54, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 50, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 46, Oakley (Macon Co), 26 Dec (TAM); 33, Forest City (Mason Co), 23 Dec (LLH); 16, Madison Co, 7 Jan (FRH); 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 8, Henry Co, 21 Jan (*SBH); 4, Marengo (McHenry Co), 19 Feb (DTW). **Others:** 12, Edwards Co, 29 Jan (*RES); 10, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 8, Perry Co, 12 Dec (KAM); 7, Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG); 5, Henning (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); 4, Wolf Lake (Union Co), 30 Dec (SDB); 3, Bolingbrook (Will Co), 18 Dec (UWG); 3, Tazewell Co, 2 Jan (KAM); 3, Jacksonville (Morgan Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 2, Shelby Co, 5 Dec (KAM); Tolono (Champaign Co), 31 Dec (SDB). Numbers were somewhat similar to last year as this species continues to expand throughout Illinois.

Mourning Dove

MC: **1,772**, Rockfd, 17 Dec (DTW); **1,531**, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); **916**, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 375, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 214, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (WAB, KH, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 125, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM); 105, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 182, Chain-O- Lakes SP (Lake Co), 28 Jan (EWW). **Others** (south)**:** 103, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 75, Reilly (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); 72, St. Clair Co, 25 Jan (KAM); 70, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM). High numbers, particularly in the northern and central regions.

Monk Parakeet

121, LCal (Cook Co), 9 Jan (CAM); 53, JP, 15 Feb (PRC).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 15, northern Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB): 14, Lee Co, 24 Dec (KJM); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others:** 5, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (fide SDB); 5, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 5, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 5, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4, Loud Thunder FP (Rock

Eastern Screech-Owl, gray phase, Morton Arboretum, DuPage County. 21 January 2006.Photo by Emil Martinec.

Snowy Owl, Oswego, Kendall County. 12 January 2006. Photo by Eric Secker.

Island Co), 4 Jan (KJM); 3, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 3, Whiteside Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW); 3, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB, SDB); 2, Olive Branch (Alexander Co), 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 2 (1 red morph,1 gray morph), Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 31 Dec (DTW); 2, Zion (Lake Co), 1 Jan (EWW); HL, 1 Jan (FRH); M.Arb., 22 Jan (CA); Volo Bog SNA, 13 Feb (SDB). Fairly typical numbers reported.

Great Horned Owl

MC: 15, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 11, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 5, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (WAB, KH, m.ob.). **Others:** 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (KJM, CB); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 3, Hidden L FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (RAM, ALM); 3, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK); Urbana, 15 Dec (RD); JP, 7 Jan (KMC); M.Arb., 22 Jan (UWG). Numbers were fairly typical and similar to last year.

Snowy Owl

MC: 3 (1st 2 Jan, 2nd 7 Jan, 3rd 18 Feb; ad male., 1 imm. male, 1 imm. female), La Salle Co Nuclear Power Plant, all three seen same day within 1-2 miles of one another on several dates 18 Feb-thru period (DJS, JDM, CKM, SDB, m.ob., photos); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Gridley Twp (McLean Co), 11-28 Feb (LAl, SDB, m.ob., photos); 2 (1st 31 Dec, 2nd 3 Jan; 1 ad. female, 1 imm.), St. Anne (Kankakee Co), (DB, m.ob., photos), both seen (within 1 mile of one another) 3-15 Jan (SDB, et al.), but ad. thru 2 Feb (EWW). **Others:** Darien (DuPage Co), 29 Nov (fide EES); Toulon (Stark Co), 29 Dec (JWW); Winthrop H, 31 Dec (BE, DW, fide SDB); Wauk., 31 Dec & 6-8 Jan (BE, DW, m.ob.); Highland Park (Lake Co), killed by car, 10 Jan (RR, fide SDB); imm., Oswego (Kendall Co), 12 Jan (DE, REF, KDF, EES, m.ob., photos); ad. female, Morton (Tazewell Co), 21 Feb thru period (WH, m.ob. fide SDB); Towanda (McLean Co), 21-26 Feb (MFD, BW, fide SDB); Nekoma (Henry Co), 27 Feb (BS, LS, MJB, fide SDB). Above average invasion especially downstate. Unusual number of multiple birds at several locations.

BURROWING OWL

Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 1-2 & 12 Dec, 9 Jan (DMK, KAM, MAM, AFS). Present since 15 Oct and continuing into early spring. See the 12th IORC report in the preceding issue of *Meadowlark.*

Barred Owl

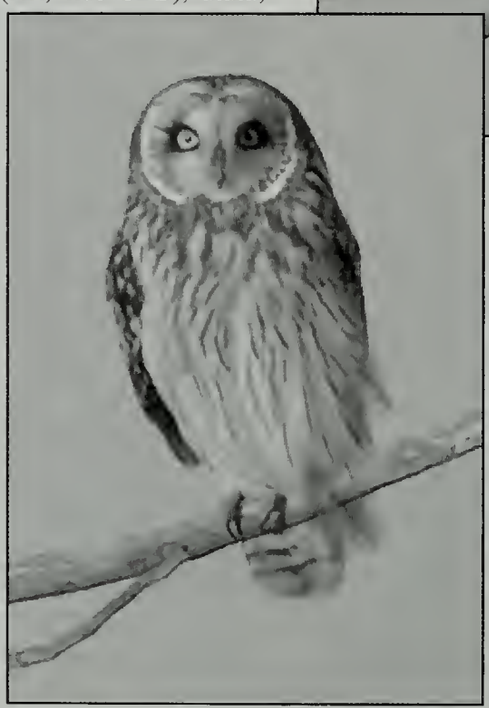
MC: 13, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 13, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 12, QC, 18 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 9, northern Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 6, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 4, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 4 (2 pr), Allerton P (Piatt Co), 14 Jan (SDB); 4 (2 pr), Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB). **Others:** 3, Urbana (locally vary rare) mid-Dec-19 Jan (GSL, SDB); 3, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 3, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); Mermet, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW, m.ob.); 2, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 2, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 5, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); 4, Henry Co, 29 Dec (BH); Urbana, 1 Dec- 31 Jan (2) & 1-24 Feb (3) (RLJ, SDB, m.ob.). **Others:** 2, Henry Co, 21 Jan (SBH); Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA); Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 8 Jan (SDB, SLD); Evanston (Cook Co), 9 Jan (AFS); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 13 Feb (SDB); Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 19 Feb (AFS). Reports mainly confined to northern half of the state.

Short-eared Owls at Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 8 March 2006. Photo by Jim Solum.

Short-eared Owl taken at Rollins Savanna, Lake County on 25 January 2006. Photos by Emil Martinec.



Short-eared Owl

MC: 38, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.); 11, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 21 Jan (*EWW); 7, Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), all winter (SDB, SLD, EWW, m.ob.); 7, Ark., 25 Dec (fide SDB). **Others:** 4, Richland Co, 22 Dec (RES); 4, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 3, Grassy Slough Preserve (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 2, Durand (Winnebago Co), 16 Dec-10 Jan (DTW); Urbana, 19 Dec (EJC); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Wayne Co, 30 Dec (*RES); Reilly (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); Ferrin (Clinton Co), 20 Feb (DMK). Less numerous in the south and more numerous in the north.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

M.C.: 2, see below, 13 Dec (SDB). **Others:** Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB);

Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec-17 Jan (SDB); Barrington (Cook Co), 19 Dec (fide SDB); Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); M.Arb., 29 Dec & 21-22 Jan (MAM, KAM, UWG, AFS, CA); Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); Allerton P (Piatt Co), 5-28 Feb (GSL, SDB, m.ob.).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 18, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 10, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 5, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 3, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 3, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). Typical scatter of reports of 1-3 birds statewide.

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 40, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 37, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 25, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 27 Dec (CLH); 23, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 15, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 15, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 12, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 12, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 9, Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 7, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 5, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 4, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 4, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG, EES). Somewhat more numerous and widespread.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 81, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 63, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 61, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 48, Ogle & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (EWW, KRW, JD); 42, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 42, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 31, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 30, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 36, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: **21**, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); **16**, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); **16**, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 9, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 9, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 7, Urbana (South Farms), 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 5, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 15 Dec (CLH); 3, Decatur, 17 Dec (TAM); 3 (1 ad. male, 1 imm. female, 1 imm. male), JP, 11, 17 Dec & 26 Feb (KMC, PRC). **Others** (central & north): 2, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, EJC); 2, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW); 2, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 2, Lee Co, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA); La Salle Co, 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 24 Dec (KRW); Wilmington (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA); Henry Co, 21 Jan (SBH). Much more common and widespread.

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 70, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 64, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 58, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 54, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 46, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 40, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 35, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 32, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB);p 28, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 19, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 19, Union County, 30 Dec (SDB); 17, Carl.L, 14 Dec (KAM, CPA); 17, Kane Co, 17 Dec (EES).

Say's Phoebe, Panther Creek SF&WA, Cass County. 12 February 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 19, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 13, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 12, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH); 11, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 10, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 8, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB,HDB); 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 8, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 7, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 6, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 3, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 3, Chinquapin Psv, 22 Dec (MF); 3, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK).

Northern Flicker

MC: 51, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 41, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 32, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 23, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 21, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 18, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 17, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 16, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 15, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 14, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 13, Bureau Co, 25 Feb (DJS).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 16, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 11, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 10, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 10, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 8, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 8, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB): 8, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 5, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 5, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 3, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW). **Others:** Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Dec (EWW); Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK).

Long-eared Owl in McHenry County. 16 January 2006. Photo by Eric Walters.

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 4, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 4, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 3, Little Black Slough SNA, (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). **Others:** 2, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 2, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB, KJM, HDB); HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK). Reports confined to the south.

SAY'S PHOEBE

Crane L (Mason Co), 17-22 Dec (*HDB photos); see the 12th IORC report in the preceding issue of Meadowlark. One (same bird as previous??), Panther Creek SF&WA (Cass Co), 3 Jan-12 Feb (CS fide EWW-photos, fide SDB).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 5, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.); 2, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 9 Jan (KAM). **Others:** Carl.L, 14 Dec (VMK, HDB); Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); Clinton Co, 26 Feb (DMK). Reports confined to the south.

Northern Shrike

MC: 4, DuPage Co, 17 Dec (fide SDB); 3, Barrington (Cook Co), 19 Dec (fide SDB); 2 ad., Paul Douglas FP (Cook Co), 1 Jan, but one 1 Dec – 28 Feb (CSF, SS, fide SDB); 2 (ad. & unk), Greene Valley FP (DuPage Co),7 Jan – 26 Feb, but one there 1 Dec – 28 Feb (m. ob. fide EES, SDB); 2 (ad. & unk), McKee Marsh (DuPage Co), 17 Dec, but ad. there thru 28 Feb (REF, KF, JMD, fide SDB). **Others:** Lost Mound NWR (Carroll Co), all winter, (DGW, fide SDB); ad., Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 1 Dec - 28 Feb (SCo, JJD, fide SDB); Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 1 Dec – 26 Feb (fide EES, SDB); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co),1 Dec - 28 Jan (SI fide SDB, EWW); Will Co, 3 Dec (REF, KDF, EES); Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 10 Dec (CH, fide SDB); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, fide SDB); Freeport (Stephenson Co), 17 Dec (fide SDB); Fermi Lab (Du Page Co), 17 Dec – 27 Feb (fide EES, SDB); Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (fide SDB); Glacial P (McHenry Co), 20 Dec - 30 Jan (fide SDB); Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); ad., Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Dec (*EWW); ad., North Unit lBSP, 29 Dec (CSF); ad., Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 1-20 Jan (CKM, JDM, TW, fide SDB); ad., Victoria (Knox Co), 6 Jan (LAu, fide SDB); ad., Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 13 Jan – thru period (MFl, SDB, m.ob., photos); Chain-O-Lakes SP (Lake Co), 21 Jan (MFl, fide SDB); Lee (Lee Co), 27 Jan (MFD); Wolf L, LCal, 4 Feb (CAT, TLK); Tinley Creek Woods FP (Cook Co), 20 Feb (TL, fide SDB); imm., Jim Edgar/Panther Creek SF&WA (Cass Co), 23 Feb (KBR, fide SDB); Tri-County SP (DuPage Co), 26 Feb (fide EES, SDB). Another above average invasion but most records from northern lllinois.

Northern Shrike at Rock Cut State Park, Rockford, Winnebago County. 25 December 2006. Photo by Eric Walters

Blue Jay

MC: 141, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 132, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 99, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 99, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 95, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 82, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 59, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 43, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 41, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 32, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 32, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 32, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 30 Dec (EWW); 31, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 27, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB). Good numbers statewide.

Red-breasted Nuthatch at Plum Creek Forest Preserve, Cook County. 25 January 2006. Photo by Emil Martinec.

American Crow

MC: 110,000 (winter roost), Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, VB, SDB, m.ob.); 2,500 (roost), Rantoul (Champaign Co), all winter (SDB); 1,571, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 977, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 500 (roost), Champaign (Champaign Co), all winter (SDB, m.ob.); 300, Peoria (Peoria Co), 31 Jan (DJS); 168, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 160, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); 150, Johnson Co, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 122, Chi, 15 Feb (GAW); 65, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM). Again reported in reduced numbers.

FISH CROW

Mermet L, **24 Feb**> (KAM).

Horned Lark

MC: 658, Rockfd, 17 Dec (DTW); 305, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 304, De Kalb & Kane Cos, 24 Jan (DJS); 300, Carl.L, 8 Jan (DMK); 274, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 103, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 36, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 28, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 27, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 25, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM). Slightly less abundant this winter.

TREE SWALLOW

HLCA, 29 Dec (fide SDB). Latest December recorded by 9 days.

BARN SWALLOW

UCCA, **28 Dec** (1) (SDB), then **30 Dec** (2) (KJM, *HDB)**; latest Illinois winter date** excluding early spring migrants in Feb.

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 95, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 84, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 64, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB): 56, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 46, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 45, Carl.L, 14 Dec (KAM, CPA); 40, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 35, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 33, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.). Recorded in fairly typical numbers.

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 214, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 177, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 130, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 57, Kane Co, 17 Dec (EES); 54, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 30, Chinquapin Psv, 22 Dec (MF); 26, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 15, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 12, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CPA). Somewhat reduced numbers reported.

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 83, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 81, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec, (SDB, m.ob.); 65, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 43, Ogle & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (EWW, KRW, JD); 33, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 31, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 31, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 30, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 26, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 16, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 9, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 8, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK). Higher numbers overall.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 23, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 8, Jasper Co, 23 Dec (CLH); 6, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 6, M.Arb., 18 Dec (RAM, ALM); 5, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 1-4, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 10 Jan – 24 Feb (SDB); 4, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 3, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, et al.); 3, Little Blaek Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). Widespread in small numbers.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 94, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 92, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 88, Ogle & Lee Cos, 24 Dec (EWW, KRW, JD); 73, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 44, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 36, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 34, HLCA, 29 Dee (SDB, HDB); 31, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 30, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 17, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 17, Chinquapin Psv, 23 Dec (MF). Found in good numbers.

Brown Creeper

MC: **36**, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 15, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (SBH, m.ob.); 15, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 13, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 12, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 9, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 8, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 7, Kane Co, 17 Dec (EES); 6, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 10 Jan – 17 Feb (SDB). Widespread in fair numbers.

Carolina Wren

MC: **42**, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); **40**, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); **37**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); **35**, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 24, Carl.L, 14 Dec (KAM, CPA); 21, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 19, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 18, Cyp Crk, 21 Dec (SDB, MW); 13, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 8, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG, EES); 7, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 5, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (KJM, CB); 5, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 15 Feb (SDB). More numerous statewide.

HOUSE WREN

3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM).

Winter Wren

MC: 13, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 11, UCCA, 31 Dec (SDB); 9, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 6, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW); 2, Urbana, 18 Dec (EJC); 2, Copperas Creek (Fulton Co), 12 Feb (KAM). **Others** (central & north)**:** 2, JP, 4 Dec< (PRC); 2, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW, m.ob.); 2, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 2, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 15 Feb, but 1 there 31 Jan & 7 Feb (SDB); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (EJC); Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH); IBSP, 22 Jan (EWW).

SEDGE WREN

UCCA, 30 Dec (*SDB).

MARSH WREN

Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co), 17 Dec (*BSe fide SDB); HLCA, 29 Dec (HDB).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 47, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 34, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 29, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 29, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 17, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 14, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 10, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 8, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 31 Dec (DTW); 5, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB). Fairly typical numbers, although scarcer than usual in central and northern Illinois.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 32, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 17, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 14, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 9, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). **Others:** 6, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 4, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 29 Dec (CLH); 3, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); Two Rivers NWR (Calhoun Co), 17 Dec (WCR); Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); HL, 1 & 15 Jan (FRH); Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 3 Jan (*KJM, CB); Carl.L, 27 Jan (CLH, RES); Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 28 Jan (CLH). Good numbers; largely confined to the south.

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 93, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 81, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 79, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 52, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (KJM, CB); 51, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 51, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 36, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 32, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 27, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 19, Bureau Co, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 17, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW). **Others:** 76, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 59, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 36, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 16, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW, m.ob.); 12, Lake Co, 26 Dec (GAW); 10, Carl.L, 14 Jan (DMK); 9, Cook Co, 27 Dec (CSF); 8 (6 male, 2 female), Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Dec (*EWW); 7, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 7, Macon Co, 25 Feb (TAM); 6, Edwards Co, 1 Jan (RES); 5, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 3, Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH); 3, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC).

Hermit Thrush

MC: **51**, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); **32**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 23, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 21, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 11, northern Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 10, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 5, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 4, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 2 Dec (KAM); 4, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH). **Others:** 29, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 19, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 9, UCCA, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 8, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 5, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 5, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 27 & 29 Dec (CLH); 3, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC); 3, Herrick L FP (Du Page Co), 4 Feb (UWG); 2, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 2, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 17 Jan (SDB); 2, Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 31 Jan (CLH); 2, Mattoon (Coles Co), 21 Feb (GC); 1 (singing), Hyde Park, Chi, 14 Dec (PRC); DePue L (Bureau Co), 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); JP, 25 & 27 Dec (PRC); Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA); Urbana (U of I Forestry), 20 Jan (SDB); Wauk., 22 Jan (CSF). Considerably larger numbers this winter, particularly in the south.

American Robin

MC: **8,000** (roost), Justice (Cook Co), 18 Dec (WJM, WSS); **1,500**, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 735, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 700, St. Clair Co, 30 Dec (KAM); 437, Lake Co, 28 Jan (EWW); 75, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB); 74, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.). **Others:** 523, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 237, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 152, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 139, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW); 129, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 126, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 120, Stickney Run FP (McHenry Co), 8 Jan (SDB, SLD); 79, Cyp Crk, 21 Dec (SDB, MW); 68, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 29 Jan (GAW); 63, Sand Rdg, 18 Feb (RGB, SNB); 61, Lake Co, 4 Feb (SDB). Considerably more abundant this winter statewide.

GRAY CATBIRD

Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), **14 Dec** (*EJC, *HP); Crab Orchard NWR, **17 Dec**., (*fide MB, SDB); Fermi, **(3)**, **17 Dec**, (*fide JC); Timber Ridge FP (Du Page Co), **17 Dec** (*UWG); Baldwin L. (St. Clair Co), **17 Dec** (*fide TD, SDB); M. Arb., **18 Dec** (*fide GAW); Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), **31 Dec** (DT et al.); Cyp Crk, **19 Dec** (*fide JH); Jackson Co, **1 Jan**, (*fide RMR); Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), **4 Jan** (*KJM). Amazing number of wintering/lingering birds statewide.

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 13, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 8, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 4, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 3, Alexander Co, 30 Dec (SDB, HDB); 2, Chinquapin Psv, all winter (MF). **Others** (central & north)**:** Decatur, 17 Dec & 15 Jan (TAM); Lee Co, 24 Dee (KJM); Wilmington (Will Co), 1 Jan (CA); Clin. L, 9 Jan (RD).

Brown Thrasher

MC: 9, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 5, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 3, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR). **Others:** 2, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); Genoa (De Kalb Co), 1-7 Dec (KML); Chi, 1-9 Dec (KRW); Edwards Co, 5 Dec (RES); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); Mattoon (Coles Co), 13 Feb (DM).

European Starling

MC: 58,602, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 4,128, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 3,185, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 2,200, LCal, 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB); 1,969, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 1,453, Kane Co, 17 Dec (EES); 800, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 745, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 29 Jan (GAW); 531, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 495, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB); 229, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM).

American Pipit

MC: 14, Carl.L, 14 Dec (JM, TH). **Others:** 2, Urbana, 8 Dec (GSL); Depue L (Bureau Co), 17 Dec (*DJS, TW, AW); Mermet L, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); IBSP, 3 Jan (EWW); Lawrence Co, 23 Feb (CLH).

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 410, Palos (Cook Co), 18 Dec (WJM, WSS); 325 (1 flock), Urbana, 9 Feb (SDB); 300, Carl.L, 4 Dec (DMK); 300, East Fork L, 30 Dec (CLH); 220, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 27 Dec (DTW); 164, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 87, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.). **Others** (mid-season): 30, Macon Co, 15 Jan (TAM, SDB); 30, Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 16 Jan (DJS); 28, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 4 Feb (SDB); 8, M.Arb., 21 Jan (KAM). Considerably greater numbers this winter throughout the state.

Fox Sparrow at Lincoln Park Zoo, Cook County. 27 December 2005. Photo by Emil Martinec.

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

Urbana, **2 Dec** (RLJ); HL, **17 Jan** (JPZ, YH, SM).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 75, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 57, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 51, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 51, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 10, M.Arb., 22 Jan (UWG); 7, Rock Island Co, 3 Jan (KJM, CB); 4, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, SBH, DA). **Others:** 49, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 47, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 46, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 38, UCCA, 18 Jan (KAM); 4, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK); 3, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 2, Goodenow (Will Co), 2 Jan (GAW); 2, Lake Co, 28 Jan (EWW); 1-2, Urbana (U of I Forestry), many dates between 10 Jan- 24 Feb (SDB); Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); Bureau Co, 17 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); Silver Creek FP (McHenry Co), 13 Feb (SDB). More abundant, particularly in the south.

PINE WARBLER

Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB); Carl.L, **22 Jan & 26 Feb** (DMK).

SPOTTED TOWHEE

Hampshire FP (Kane Co), 2 Dec (KAM); Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (*fide TW, SDB); Copperas Creek (Fulton Co), 12 Feb (KAM).

Eastern Towhee

MC: 25, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 15, Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 27 Dec (CLH). **Others:** 9, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM); 9, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 5, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 2, Carl.L, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); male, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (*KJM, SBH, DA); female, Chi, 10, 12 & 21 Jan (JSA, KRW); Homer L (Champaign Co), 18 Feb (EJC).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 985, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 787, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS, m.ob.); 512, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 325, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 301, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 140, Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 13 Feb (SDB); 134, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 78, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 49, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH).

Field Sparrow

MC: 44, Massae Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 40, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 18, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 12, Jasper Co, 31 Dec (CLH). **Others:** 10, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM); 8, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 4, Carl.L, 10 Dec (DMK); 3, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 2, Lawrence Co, 31 Jan (RES); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (RLJ); QC, 18 Dec (KR); Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (EWW).

VESPER SPARROW

Hamilton Twp (Lee Co), **24 Dec** (*KJM); Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), **24 Dec** (KRW, JD).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: 19, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 11, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 8, Massae Co, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 5, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 5, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 3, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 18 Dec (*REF, KDF); 2, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL). **Others:** 4, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 2, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 2, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); Jasper Co, 23 Dec (CLH); Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); HL, 1 & 8 Jan (FRH); Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co), 8 & 21 Jan & 3 Feb (AFS, EWW & SDB resp.); Macon Co, 25 Feb> (TAM).

Le Conte's Sparrow

3, Rend L, 9 Jan (KAM); 2, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB); UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 17, Oakwd Btms, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 15, northern Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 13, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 11, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 8, Union Co, 30 Dec (KJM, HDB); 6, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW); 6, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 5, HLCA, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 4, Rockfd, 8-26 Dec (DTW); 4, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW). Widespread in small numbers.

Song Sparrow

MC: 73, QC, 18 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 68, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 63, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 62, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 59, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM); 57, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 51, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 49, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 44, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 42, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 25, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 19, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 7, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW).

Lincoln's Sparrow

West Du Page Woods FP (Du Page Co), **17 Dec** (*REF, KDF); Grand Detour (Lee Co), **24 Dec** (EWW); Massac Co, **31 Dec** (KJM, *RMR).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 150, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KAM, DMK); 120, Pulaski & Johnson Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 55, UCCA, 30 Dec (SDB); 53, HLCA, 30 Dec (SDB, HDB); 18, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 14, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); 12, Port Louisa NWR (Mereer Co), 28 Dec (KJM, DA); 5, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 5, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH); 2, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 2, Naperville (Will Co), 18 Dec (UWG).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: **475**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 239, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 160, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 151, Perry Co, 25 Dec (KJM); 70, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 64, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 50, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); 40, Rockfd, 17 Dec (DTW); 26, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 21, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB).

Harris's Sparrow

male, HL, 6 & 12 Feb (KAM, FRH).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: **140**, Urbana, 17 Dec (SDB, GSL); 43, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 40, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 32, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 15, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS, m.ob.); 13, Edwards Co, 20 Feb (RES); 11, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 9, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 9, LCal, 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB); 7, Grundy Co, 18 Dec (DJS, TW, AW); 5 (2 ad., 3 imm.), Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 5, Bureau Co, 31 Jan (DJS).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 911, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, m.ob.); 785, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM, RTS, m.ob.); 665, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 359, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 280, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 12 Feb (DMK); 189, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 165, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 163, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 154, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 99, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 75, Macon Co, 21 Jan (TAM); 60, Cyp Crk, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 55, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL). "**Oregon**" Dark-eyed Junco: HLCA, 29 Dec (*HDB).

Lapland Longspur

MC: **1,500**, Carl.L, 22 Jan (DMK); **1,300**, Lawrence Co, 25 Jan (CLH); **1,000**, Richland Co, 8 Dec (CLH); 210, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 133, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 123, Lec Co, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 118, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (KJM, RTS, MK). **Others:** 290, Clinton Co, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); 100, Seward (Winnebago Co), 21 Jan (DTW); 90, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 62, St. Anne (Kankakee Co), 2 Feb (EWW); 50, Pontiac (Livingston Co), 12 Feb (EWW); 35, De Kalb Co, 21 Jan (DJS); 23, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 22, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 14, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM); 12, McLean Co, 8 Jan (KAM); 6, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 5, Mazon (Grundy Co), 12 Feb (CA). More abundant overall, particularly in the south.

Snow Bunting

MC: 45, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (RN, EAA, m.ob.); 41, La Salle Co, 22 Jan (DJS). **Others:** 20, Seward (Winnebago Co), 21 Jan (DTW); 11, Hunter (Boone Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 6, Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH); 6, Lee Co, 24 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM); 3, **Alexander Co**, 29 Dec (KJM); 2, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 2, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, EJC); Carl.L, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC); De Kalb Co, 29 Jan (UWG).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 260, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.); 247, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, m.ob.); 221, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 207, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 180, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 118, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 91, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 80, Wayne (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (GAW); 79, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 75, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 72, Clin.L, 6 Feb (RD); 70, Carl.L, 20 Feb (DMK).

INDIGO BUNTING

Carl.L, **11 Dec & 20 Feb** (*DMK); Jasper Co, **31 Dec & 11 Jan** (CLH, *RES).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: **200,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); **135,450**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); **16,750**, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 2,075, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 155, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, SBH, SC). **Others:** 8,000, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 4,851, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 98, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (TM, BLB); 60, Zion (Lake Co), 10 Jan (EWW); 40, Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH); 6, Chau, 8 Jan (LLH); 5, Aroma P (Kankakee Co), 31 Dec (UWG). Outside major concentrations in the south, lower numbers reported. Almost no data from central Illinois.

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: **326**, Pr.Rdg, 23 Dec (JWW, m.ob.); **100**, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); **80**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 13, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (RN, EAA); 8, Fulton Co, 15 Dec (LLH); 6, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB); 3, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW); 3, Clin.L, 9 Jan (RD). **Others:** 48, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 12 Dec (KAM); 33, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 30, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 23, Clinton Co, 14 Dec (TAM, JPM); 23, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); Geneseo (Henry Co), 15 Dec (SBH).

Western Meadowlark

Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (*KJM, RTS); Massac Co, 31 Dec (*KJM); Richland Co, 24 Feb (CLH); Carl.L, 25 Feb (DMK).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: **16,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM)—**unprecedented Illinois high count** (compare the previous high count of 6,750, HL, 18 Dec 1985); **2,000**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); **1,550**, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 500, Carl.L, 12 Feb (DMK); 62, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 25, Flagg Pond (Clay Co), 1 Jan (CLH). **Others** (central & north): 15, Macon Co, 25 Feb> (TAM); 11, Homer (Vermilion Co), 22 Dec (JOS fide SDB); Chau, 22 Dec (AFS).

Brewer's Blackbird

10 (4 male, 6 female), Percy (Randolph Co), 25 Dec (*KJM); 2 female, Raccoon Twp (Marion Co), 26 Dec (*KJM, TH).

Common Grackle

MC: **300,000**, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); **120,500**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); **25,500**, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); **10,000**, Carl.L, 26 Feb (DMK); 3,870, Johnson & Pulaski Cos, 19 Dec (SDB, MW); 1,000, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 46, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM); 14, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC). **Others** (central & north): 11, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (fide SDB); 5, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 16 Dec (LLH); 3, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (TM, BLB); 2, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH). Major concentrations throughout the south.

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: **12,440**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 2,000, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (DJS); 1,100, Ark., 25 Dec (KJM); 633, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 340, Chebanse (Kankakee Co), 14 Jan (EWW). **Others:** 200, Urbana, all winter (SDB, m.ob.); 200, Carl.L, 3-4 Dec (DMK); 166, Rend L, 17 Dec (KAM); 65, Lowden-Miller SF (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 50, Green Wing Lab, 27 Dec (SBH); 41, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (KJM, BLB); 38, Carroll Co, 15 Dec (EAA, DGW).

Purple Finch

MC: 80, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (BLB, KJM); 35, Sand Rdg, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 33, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (m.ob. fide SDB); 26, Champaign Co, 17 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 21, Green R WA (Lee Co), 24 Dec (KJM); 17, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 17, Cook Co, 8 Feb (CBT); 1-6, Urbana (U of I Forestry), 10 Jan – 24 Feb (SDB); 5, Carl.L, 11 Dec (DMK); 5, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, VL, SJ); 2, Edwards Co, 4 Dec (RES); 2, Little Black Slough SNA (Johnson Co), 19 Dec (SDB, MW). Somewhat greater numbers.

House Finch

MC: 128, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 120, Macon Co, 15 Jan (SDB, TAM); 72, Kankakee Co, 31 Dec (EES); 66, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 56, Rock Island & Whiteside Cos, 20 Dec (KJM,

RTS, m.ob.); 51, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (JS, DF, m.ob.); 50, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 38, De Kalb Co, 29 Jan (GAW); 29, Geneseo (Henry Co), 23 Dec (SBH); 24, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW). Less numerous overall.

Red Crossbill

7, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 23 Dec (RGB, fide SDB);5, Rockfd, 3 Dec (DTW); Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 17 Dec (*EES).

Common Redpoll

3, Cass Co, 6 Jan (EES); Carl.L, 14 Dec (RMR).

Pine Siskin

MC: 32, Highland Park (Lake Co), 4 Dec (DRD); 13, M.Arb., 10 Dec (UWG). **Others:** 11, Joliet (Will Co), 12 Dec-28 Feb (CA); 6, Winthrop H, 7 Jan (EWW); 4, QC, 18 Dec (KR, m.ob.); 4, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 18 Dec (GAW); 4, Rockfd, 20 Feb (DTW); 3, Milan Bottoms (Rock Island Co), 4 Jan (BLB); 2, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 8 Dec (LLH); 2, Urbana, 11 Feb (EJC); Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 2 Dec (KAM); Geneseo (Henry Co), 5 Feb (SBH). Low numbers and almost entirely confined to north.

American Goldfinch

MC: 130, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, m.ob.): 124, Alexander Co, 29 Dec (SDB, HDB); 121, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 101, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 26 Dec (GAW); 80, Rend L, 17 Dec (DMK); 77, QC, 18 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 66, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 62, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 21 Dec (SDB); 61, Rockfd, 8 Dec (DTW); 43, Marion Co, 26 Dec (KJM, TH); 40, Union Co, 30 Dec (SDB); 31, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 28, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM, RMR); 18, Macon Co, 17 Dec (TAM).

House Sparrow

MC: 1,086, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 978, Lee & Whiteside Cos, 24 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 800, Carl.L, 14 Dec (DMK); 585, QC, 18 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 438, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (TM, m.ob.); 168, LCal, 31 Dec (WJM, JSA, MLB).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 232, Mercer Co, 28 Dec (KJM, m.ob.); 146, McDonough Co, 17 Dec (LLH); 45, Rock Island Co, 4 Jan (TM, m.ob.); 10, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 12-16 Dec (CMV); 20, Spring L (Tazewell Co), 8 Jan (KAM); 2, HL, 29 Jan (KAM); La Moille (Bureau Co), 3 Feb (MAM); McLean Co, 11 Feb (EJC).

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